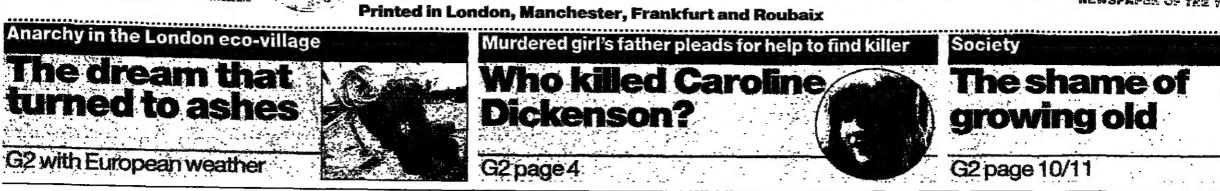




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Public anger forces late Cabinet decision to introduce near total ban Handguns outlawed



defiant Forsyth

Ewen MacAskill, Chief Political Correspondent

HE Government will today bow to public anger over the private ownership of guns in the wake of the

Dunblane massacre by an-nouncing a ban on almost all handguns.

decided at a two-hour Down-ing Street meeting yesterday, the Government will say the life drug

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vast majority of handguns must be handed in, the Guardian has learned. The exception will be 22 single shot pistols, which account for less than 10 per cent of handguns in Britain and which will

The ban will create outrage among shooting organisations which have lobbled hard for the rights of their members to be protected. But it will not satisfy Snowdrop, the anti-gun pressure group set up after Dunblane, which will argue that .22s can also kill.

The ban, to be announced in the Commons this afternoon, was decided at a meeting in Downing Street yester-day, chaired by John Major, In an extraordinary move to discuss the Government's response to Lord Cullen's public inquiry into the massa-

cre. It goes much further than Lord Cullen was prepared to recommend.

Michael Forsyth, the Scot-tish Secretary, whose Stirling constituency includes Dun-blane, was known to be presshave to be kept in gun clubs. ing for the handgun ban, one of the most gun-free recomme

A small gun (pistol or revolver) A small gun (pistol or revolver) which is designed to be capable of being held and fired using one hand only (though marksmen often use double-handed grip in cardical practica).

while Michael Howard, the | countries in the world, with Home Secretary, has favoured a less stringent ap-proach. Mr Forsyth had let it be known that he was pre-pared to resign from the Cabi-net if tough action was not taken. In the event, Mr Forsyth

had the support of Mr Major, who is believed to have been disappointed that Lord Culien himself did not propose a wider ban.

for persons and papers and to

facilitate the taking of evi-

14,755 · · · · · · · · · · the vast majority of handguns banned from being held either at home or in gun

clubs. Owners will be paid compensation on handing weapons in to the authorities. The .22 single-shot pistols exempted from the ban are

other international ta disciplines are restricted to 0.22 inch culture guns.

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held in Britain Lord Cullen's report, which

the kind used for Olympic shooting, thought to number around 20,000 of the handguns

The ban will make Britain will be published today. one of the most gun-free recommends only that hand

guns be banned from homes but the Government, recog-nising the extent of public changes to the gun laws, which are to be included in the Queen's Speech. It is a huge setback to the gun lobby, which has been exfeeling against guns since the massacre, has opted to go much further. erting maximum pressure on The Government will find itself outflanked by Labour, which wants to include 22s politicians for six months in

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attempt to avoid draconian action by the Government. in the ban. The Labour It will also create trouble leader, Tony Blair, the with sections of the Tory shadow home secretary, Jack party, which is traditionally Straw, and the shadow Scot-tish Secretary, George lobby. Many pistol clubs will Robertson, met yesterday almost certainly have to close afternoon to discuss the par- down.

be out of step with public opinion. But Government

sources insisted the deciding factor was the simple argu-

ment that a disturbed individ-

ual should not have been able

to keep powerful handguns in

a council house in Dunblane. The Scottish Secretary will

make the first of two Com-

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make sure their feelings were has to be borne in mind by anybody considering these known before ministers made "This is an unrivalled opa final decision. "It is really to focus the de-

bate very strongly on this portunity for us in Britain to growing perception amongst the public that nothing less get away from the menace of the American gun culture than the complete prohibition which is beginning to take a on the private ownership and use of handguns will do," he grip in this country as well."

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told BBC Radio 4's World at Trauma of Dunblane survivor's father, page 5

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Tory minister called to account over Hamilton

Speaker orders emergency debate on Willetts affair

David Hencke Westminster Correspondent

HE House of Commons is expected today to order David Willetts, the Paymaster General, to ap-pear before Parliament's most senior body to answer allega-tions that he tried to stille the initial inquiry held two years ago into Neil Hamilton and the cash-for-questions scan-dal exposed by the Guardian. The Speaker, Betty Boothroyd, yesterday granted an emergency debate this aftertions affair. noon to decide whether to refer Mr Willetts to the Com-

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mons standards and privileges committee. The vote looked like being a formality after talks between govern-ment and opposition whips. The Speaker's decision puts one of John Major's highest flying junior ministers in the

dence under oath." The committee deferred disspotlight for his actions as a junior whip two years ago. The decision came hours cussing on how they examine Mr Willetts's involvement on the affair until next week. before the committee last night voted to give Sir Gor-Mr Willetts's involvement only came to light after the collapse of the libel case don Downey, the Parliamen-tary Commissioner for Stanbrought against the Guardian by ex-minister Neil Hamilton dards, the resources to and lobbyist Ian Greer.

investigate the cash-for-ques-A handwritten memo revealed that Mr Willetts had

who chairs the committee, whip to try to persuade Sir sald: "The commissioner is Geoffrey Johnson Smith, the satisfied that his powers are sufficient to enable him to Tory grandee who then chaired the Commons memprepare the reports for which the committee has asked. If hers interests committee, not to inquire into allegations necessary, the committee will that Mr Hamilton had at his request exercise its powers to enable him to call received cash and shopping youchers from Mohamed Al Fayed, owner of Harrods, to

table parliamentary questions. The committee was then ex-mining a complaint from MPs believe it could be the amining a complaint from Alex Carlile, Liberal MP for

Montgomery, that Mr Hamil-ton had failed to declare his affair. £4,000 stay at the Ritz Hotel in and allegations of \$6,000 in said Andrew Miller, Labour cash and voucher payments. MP for Ellesmere Port, had

Mr Willetts is said to have floated with Sir Geoffrey, the written to her "about information which came to light committee chairman, the pos-sibility of "exploiting the recess alleging that improper

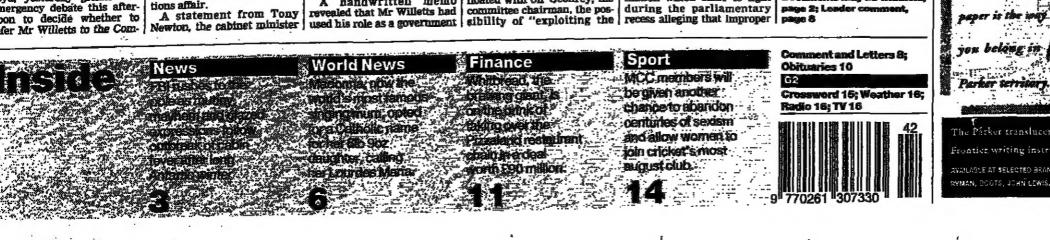
good Tory majority" on the | pressure was brought to bear on the select committee on members' interests in 1994". committee to ensure the issue was dealt with as quickly as Mr Willetts said last night: Alternatively it was sug-"I am pleased that it is pro-posed to refer this matter to gested, the committee should decide to defer any investiga-

the committee on standards and privileges. I will help the committee in any way I can." Some MPs last night were tion citing Mr Hamilton's pending libel action against the Guardian. Although Mr Willetts has still expressing concern that the committee, with a Tory claimed the note was taken majority of one, might still be tempted not to fully investi-

"smoking gun" which impli-cates the Government in the gate everything. On Channel 4 News last night Paddy Ashdown, the In a brief statement to the Liberal leader, warned that

the cash-for-questions crisis "goes far deeper than we can currently see".

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2 NEWS

Clarke's tough stance pays dividends as surge by sterling scotches calls for higher interest rates

Sketch Unfriendly way to Pound hits two-year high swap statistics

Simon Hoggart

HE Prime Minister rose for his first Question Time since July to the time-hallowed, ritual cry of "Resign!" At least he had the satisfac-

tion of knowing that, for once, it came from the Opposition

side of the House. Ronnie Campbell had the first question. The relentless march of Estuary English has not yet reached Blyth, in whose interests Mr Campbell sits. Consequently his accent makes Gazza sound like Brian Sewell

"Us uh wukkin' class worrier luck muself." Mr Campbell began. (He meant "a working class warrior": I shall now drop this futile attempt to render his accent.) He then took off his jacket, no doubt in imi-tation of Mr Major's perfor-mance at the Tory conference last week.

Both of them should know that wearing shirtsleeves does not make you resemble an honest son of toll. Instead you look like an estate agent with his jacket on a hook inside the Mondeo.

Mr Campbell asked whether the Prime Minister could confirm that he had sent his children to private school. A great "Whooooah" of fake surprise rose from the Labour ranks.

What did Mr Campbell expect? That the Prime Minister would break down sobbing: 'Yes, I am a hopeless hypo-crite! Yes, I claim to want a ss society, yet sent my own children to the very institutions which perpetuate the class divide! I resign, and you, Mr Campbell, shall take my

place!" Instead he easily batted the question away. "I believe in choice, and I do not seek to deny it to other people.

Choice, of course, for those like Mr Major who can afford it. But that wouldn't trouble him. I was reminded of Sir Kingsley Amis's story about

he novelist John Braine, who by then was very right wing indeed. He had been praising the United States at a dinner. Another guest, Donald Soper, niffed: "It's all right if you're not black, I suppose." "But, you stupid idiot," roared Braine, "Tm not

Larry Elliott and Mark Milner

interest rates.

The moment passed. Mr Blair raised the state of the NHS (a London hospital is refusing to accept emergency

patients if they are aged over 75). Some of our family incom derives from the NHS, and like everyone involved with the service, we know that the situation is desperate and get-

ting worse. The statistics, however, are more ambiguous. Mr Blair

and Mr Major swapped a few, angrily. They were out of con-text and largely meaningless. One would shout "20,000!" (or equivalent) and the other would reply "fifteen million!" "Less than 18 months!" says the first "Ha!" says the other. "A rise of 10.2 per cent per year. I notice he does not

inswer that" Either way, it was all more taxing than the Tory conference had proved to be. I was in a small minority who were un-impressed by the Prime Minster's ability to sound relaxe

and confident in front of an audience of several thousand people, all of whom yearned to dore him. There is a comedy club near

us where stand-ups who have outstayed their welcome are cruelly dismissed with a cry of Taxi!" The cab would have called for Mr Major after bout a minute. **Only Paddy Ashdown**

raised the Kwik-Kash for westions scandal yesterday He asked simply whether it was right for the Governmen to try to manipulate the out-

come of the select committee looking into the matter. Mr Major agreed with Mad-am Speaker. This is the parlia mentary equivalent of saying: I am with God on this one

." He intended to follow her nstructions and would not 'bandy" allegations across the floor of the House. (When do you hear that

word in real life? Do children ay: "Miss, miss, Darren was bandving allegations in class Mise!" Or, "That Mrs Figgis next door. She's a real gossipbandier and no mistake(")

tion "if they can be afforded." In little more than two months, the pound has climbed almost 7 per cent in OUGH talking by value against the German the Chancellor. Kenneth Clarke, ahead of next month's Budget was eaping early dividends yesmark to more than DM2.43. While the immediate bene fit is being felt by UK holidaymakers travelling abroad, the lower cost of imports helps Mr Clarke to hit his 2.5 per terday as a soaring pound put paid to pressure for a rise in cent inflation target.

Sterling has appreciated by Sterling surged to a near just over 4 per cent against a basket of world currencies two-year high on the foreign exchanges, helped by City ex-pectations that Mr Clarke will stay true to pledges that there will only be tax cuts in the since the summer - a rise which, on the Treasury's ruleof-thumb, is the equivalent of a 1 per cent rise in interest last Budget before the elec-That will give the Chan-

cellor further ammunition in his long-running struggle to resist Bank of England calls to raise borrowing costs. The Bank is also calling on

the Chancellor to use the Bud get to reduce the Govern-ment's financial deficit and resist the temptation to stoke up an already strong consumer recovery with income tax cuts. Despite his avowed caution

however, Mr Clarke is ex-pected to trim the basic rate of income tax by one penny in the pound on November 25, justifying the reduction by also cutting public spending. The latest public borrowing

figures are released today and some analysis expect the recent rise in high street sales to be reflected in an improve ment in tax revenues.

City analysts believe other factors as well as the Chancel lor's predicted Budget rigour have helped push the pound higher. These include receding

fears of a reflationary pack-age from an incoming Labour ernment, a strengthening oil price, record share prices, and concerns that the single currency project may include some of Burope's weaker economie

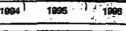
and Italian governments for monetary union has given sterling a "safe haven" status Pound for some investors.

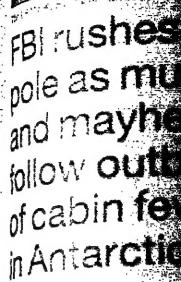
Though the pound has climbed by almost 2 per cent in the last week alone, ana lysis balleve it may have fur-ther to run, though they are divided about just how far it can go.

Gerard Lyons, chief econo mist at Japanese bank, DKB, said: "Mr Clarke won"t cut rates on the basis of sterling strength alone. But if infla tion stays low and the Budge is tight I can see him shaving another quarter point off

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Big brothers: The Land Rover range on display at the Motor Show in Birmingham. Below: The Peugeot Asphalte sports car.

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Land Rover suppliers are

However, there will be no new jobs at Land Rover, which has taken on 2,000

people in the last two years. Walter Hasselkns, Rover chief executive, said the in-

vestment underlined BMW's commitment to Land Rover and Rover Cars, with £1.5 billion in-

vested already. BMW hopes that the new vehicle, to be smaller than

existing models, will send

Review

Chilling out with **Roman drones**

John Hooper

Synauila; Music from Ancient Rome; Volume 1, Vind Instrum

LIGHT drizzle was fall-ing on Michelangelo's Pi-azza del Campidoglio in Rome. As she made her way out of the square towards the Forum, a tourist stopped, frowned and cocked her head quizzically, trying to identify the odd sounds issuing from the 12th century Palazzo Sena torio. After a while, she moved on, her mouth still puckered in puzzlement.

It was a shrewd move. She could have stayed there all day trying to place the music, beuse nothing like it had been heard before in public — at least not for the last couple of thousand years. Half a dozen musicians had

been playing an extract from their album, which went on sale in Britain and much of the rest of the world at the weekend.

Billed as "the first serious work of experimental musical archaeology on classical Rome", it promises listeners an unprecedented opportunity to hear the sounds that were going round in people's minds as they shopped for a new slave or queued up for a ticket to that week's Lions v Christians.

Here, then, are the melodies that Anthony and Cleopatra snogged to; the tunes that turned on the teenles in the

tunics. Well, maybe. The snag is that, if the classical Romans ever wrote down their music. none of it survived

This, you might think, was a very good reason for not making a CD called Music

from Ancient Rome. But it is one of contemporary man's pe culiarities that he refuses to

accept there is something he cannot know if he just tries hard enough. And Walter Maioli, the founder of Synau-lia ("a dance, music and arch group") is certainly

a trier. He and his friends reconstructed the instruments which appear in the paint-ings, mosaics and bas-reliefs that have come down to us. Then they found out what sort of sounds they could make and composed tunes which respected the instruments' possibilities and limitations.

In so doing, they addressed some genuinely interesting questions. "Why," asked Maloli, "were classical peoples so keen on double instruments, particularly flute They were fanatical about

He conjectured that they were trying to imitate the wa bling of birds and produced some remarkable sounds on his reconstructed double flute to make the point.

The enthusiasts in Synaulia also made some quite unexalso made some quite linex-pected discoveries. They found, for example, that the very thin, short pipes which appear in many depictions and which you would think yielded a high, reedy sound, actually give one that is closer to the land ensure of the base to the low drone of the bag-

pipes. What they have created is pretty weird music — some-thing like Andean-Scottish-Maghrebi fusion. It has cult potential. Indeed, if their re-cord has a role to play it is not perhaps in furthering aca-demic research, but in chilling out clubbers.

This review oppeared in law editions of yesterday's Guardian

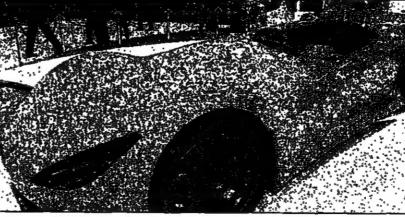
Land Rover aims to throw off green welly image with birth of new baby

Chris Barrie Business Correspondent

its traditionally muscular image far behind. To be built on a new

-acre factory complex T HAS long had been regarded as the farmers' at Solihull from late 1997, the new vehicle will secure workhorse and plaything the jobs of 12,000 people of the green wellies bri-gade. Now, though, Land and create work for hun-dreds more employed by suppliers and construction Rover is targetting women, increasingly important players in the vehicle marcompanies. The vehicle, announced

at the Motor Show in Bir-mingham, highlights the motor industry's preoccuket, in a £300 million bid to revamp its crusty image. The company, now part of the German group BMW, is to develop a small 4 x 4 sports utility vehicle that will, executives hope, leave large cars for security.



the XK8, has been designed egy already adopted by Land Rover of moving its products up-market. Alwith women drivers in Garel Rhys, of Cardiff Business School, said yesthough the core of the Land terday that all car compa-Rover business used to be the Defender, a workhorse nies were trying to sell cars used by farmers, the milito women more seriously tary and emergency ser-vices, much of the glamour Although many women bought small cars, that was of the marque stems from the Range Rover, now con-sidered a luxury car. because they often had more limited budgets. In general, they preferred

BMW is extending a strat- | off-road vehicle designed to bring some of the attrac-tion of the Range Rover into the reach of the middle

With 87 per cent of the current Land Rover range built from United Kingdom parts. BMW estimated that the project would inject \$3.5 billion into UK industhe Range Rover, now con-the Range Rover, now con-sidered a luxury car. The company recently also be a fillip for the West launched the Discovery, an Midlands, where many

production soaring from last year's level of 120,000 vehicles to more than 200,000 vehicles. Three years ago, when BMW bought Rover, production was just 68,000.

The German car company s aware that it is tapping into a growing market for 4 X 4 vehicles, some of which never get any closer to off-

road activity than motorway service stations. The 4 x 4 market is up by 12 per cent so far this year, with booming sales in the US. Japan and German.

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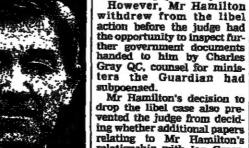
Key documents may be withheld from Downey

Richard Norton-Taylor on the uncertainty which surrounds watchdog's inquiry

EY documents relating to the cash-for-ques-tions affair may be withheld from Sir Gordon give Sir Gordon documents Downey, the parliamentary commissioner for standards, passed - for the purposes of the trial - to the Guardian's lawyers and papers they conit emerged last night. Sir Gordon faces the task of sider "relevant". It remains unclear, for ex-

Sir Gordon faces the task of reading hundreds of papers already sent to him by the Guardian, as well as other documents which Neil Hamil-ton and John Major have promised to give him. ample, whether Mr Major considers that a note of a conconsiders that a note of a con-versation between Sir Geof-frey Johnson Smith, a senior Tory member of the Com-mons standards and privi-leges committee, and David Willetts, is relevant to the Hamilton affair. However, it is far from cer-tain whether he will see po-tentially crucial documents

which were made available to Mr Justice Morland, who would have presided over the



Sir Gordon Downey: 'rules dictate private affair'

papers. Some were disclosed to the newspaper's lawyers. However, Mr Hamilton Sir Gordon's office said last night that the commissioner's high that the commissioner's task was to conduct a "pre-liminary investigation" by reading the papers sent to him. He will send a report to the Commons standards and privileges committee without questioning any witnesses or lawyers involved in the case. Sir Gordon, a former Trea-Sury official and Commer Trea-

sury official and Comptroller and Auditor General — par-liament's financial watchdog — has also emphasised the contrast between court pro-ceedings and his own inquiry. "I don't have the powers to

"I don't have the powers to force people to co-operate", he has conceded. His report would be passed to the committee before it is mublished and the committee

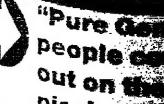
"could do what they liked with it". He has acknowl-edged that his office has no "set procedures", and freely admits that he faces a "much bigger inquiry" than any-thing he has been asked to do before. He has said his investigation would be a "private affair", under his terms of refere

However, nowhere do the 1996 standing orders which set up his post say inquiries should be held in private. They say only that the com-missioner can "receive, and, if he thinks fit, investigate specific compliants for the thinks specific complaints from MPs and from members of the pub legges committee, and DavidSir Gordon will investigateforce people to co-operate", heand from members of the pub-Willetts, is relevant to theto study documents and — inthe relationship between Ianforce people to co-operate", hehas conceded.Hamilton affair.the Guardian's case — to pur-Greer's company and otherHis report would be passedthe committee before it isIt took experienced lawyerssue a paper trail which led toTory MPs, including Timto the committee before it isests. or (ii) other aspects offrom both sides several weeksthe discovery of furtherSmith, Sir Michael Grylis, Sirpublished and the committeeconduct".

OUR 50TH BIRTHDAY INVITATIONS ARE GOING OUT SOON.

THE THIRD AT 50 CONTINUES THE CELEBRATIONS WITH THE SECOND INVITATION CONCERT, CHOSEN BY NICHOLAS KENYON, BACH, BRAHMS, MACHAUT AND OCKEGHEM LIVE FROM ST GILES' CRIPPLEGATE. TOMORROW AT 7:30PM.



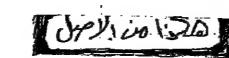


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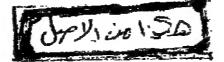
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Sir Gordon will investigate the relationship between Ian

relating to Mr Hamilton's relationship with Ian Greer, the lobbyist, or the MP's tax returns should be disclosed. It remains unclear whether



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FBI rushes to the pole as mutiny and mayhem follow outbreak of cabin fever in Antarctica

Winter stress' claims new victims. **Christopher Zinn and Ed Vulliamy report**

TIME, darkness and the infinite expanse of ice and snow have played cruelly on the nerves of scien-tists and ancillary staff ena complaint he made about a staff member to Sydney neadquarters,

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Antarctic "cabin fever" i

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among the staff of 16 when a meteorological observer left camped in the Antarctic winter, with nothing for company the base to meet his wife on but 24-hour nights, 100-knot gales, temperatures of -30 cenber way back from another expedition. Mr Goodhall comtigrade ... and each other. The first glimmer of Antarctic Division that this was irregular. His team secretly arctic spring light yesterday illuminated chilling tales of mutiny and bloody mayhem plaint about his handling of at two research bases. Easther, who has just arrived

British explorers call it "cabin fever", the Austra-lians prefer "winter stress". at the base by supply ahip, said the six months of isola-tion had caused an irrevoca-ble breakdown in It's called going up the pole to the rest of us. Three FBI agents have

made their way to the Ameri-can base at McMurdo Sound — unreachable during winter relationships "Had we not been able to get a ship to them, had we not - to investigate a brutal as-sault. A cook in the camp gal-ley attacked another with a been able to send anyone down, who knows what might have happened here," he said hammer. A third cook who tried to break up the fight was not new. In the 1950s, a dealso injured. The FBI agents will, accord-

ranged researcher at Austra-lia's Mawson base had to be ing to Stan Wisneski, area locked in a storage room for a manager for Antarctic Supwhole winter out of fear for port Associates, the company that staffs and supplies the the safety of the rest of the staff. base, "take custody of the ag-gressor". He said both vic-

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NEWS 3 Howard plan lands courts with £4m bill

Duncan Campbe and Alan Travis

"I accept what Michael says, that representations to the youth court about the decision to identify a defendant are unlikely to add greatly to the proceedings. "On the other hand, there is CHAEL Howard's

Mr Streeter makes clear

that it is not the first time the

Home Secretary has done

this. "Despite the costs to the courts and legal aid of numer-

ous initiatives ... Michael bas not agreed the resulting

plans to "name and shame" juvenile ofthe possibility of an appeal to the crown court. Estimates fenders as young as 10, which he announced at the Conservative Party conference last week, will land the courts agreed between our depart-ments indicate that there could ments indicate that there could be appeals in approximately half the cases. Officials esti-mate that the cost to the legal aid fund will be about £3 mil-lion and the extra costs to the courts £1 million." with an unplanned £4 million bill, the Lord Chancellor's Department has complained to the Prime Minister and the

Confidential Cabinet policy papers seen by the Guardian also show that this is not the first time Mr Howard has announced headline-catching initiatives without having sorted out how they will be paid for.

Gary Streeter, Minister a the Lord Chancellor's Depart-ment, has complained to the Cabinet that the Home Secre-tary has done it so many times that the courts and the legal aid fund face a bill for an extra £102 million over the next three years. He says Mr Howard has failed to agree that the Home Office should foot this bill.

Mr Howard's conference announcement of the plan to "name and shame" juvenile offenders failed to mention the concerns raised by the Lord Chancellor's Depart-ment, especially their worries about numerous appeals in the crown court and their 'substantial costs" In his letter to Tony New

ton as chairman of the Cabi-net Committee on Home Affairs, dated October 2 and marked confidential-policy, Mr Streeter writes: "I am concerned about the costs of fall upon my department.

overall public expenditure survey transfers [public spending] to my department in accordance with the ac-cepted procedures." complained the minister, "I do not think I can, as a matter of principle, accept that the substantial costs of this measure are simply added to the outstanding sums," says Mr Streeter. He tells Mr Newton that he is informing the Prime Minister and Sir Robin Butler, the Cab inet Secretary, of the matter. The correspondence implies that the populist announce-ments made by the Home Sec-retary in the run-up to the Tory party conference had not all been cleared with senior col-

leagues. They included: closing down nightclubs where drug dealing took place; a han on under age drinking in public; prosecuting sex tourists in British courts; making stalking a criminal offence and allowing nese proposals, which will courts to impose driving bans for non-motoring offence

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PHOTOGRAPH: JEAN GUICHARD Detail of the leaked letter from Gary Streeter to Tony Newton

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tists have enforcement power to deal with such offences as stealing rock samples or pes-tering the penguins. Meanwhile, the Australian Antarctic Division has taken the unusual step of sending a mediator to its base at Casey - also snowbound until last week - to deal with an "interpersonal dispute".

This is officialese for a mutiny against team leader Mark Goodhall in response to | But he said the Antarctic is | change your bormonal bal- | congenial."

Cambridge, said yesterday that "the British tend to try and deal with these things pragmatically, rather than FBL I think I can categori-cally say that Scotland Yard has never been down to one of our Antarctic communities".

that of his colleagues, by burning down the station. In the 1960s, a Soviet Antarctic scientist got fed up with a coleague over a chess game and killed him with an are. Reacting to the current situation, David Walton, of the British Antarctic Survey in

communities cannot be reached, they are completely lated huts where scientists isolated and become interdependent. can get away from their colleagues when nerve-ends be-"So if you have a problem come frayed, according to an with someone, you have to see them at meals, work with them, and there is no way to get away from them as in a normal society. People only go outside accompanied by a Antarctic researcher. Dr Walton, aged 50, has been working in the Antarctic for 30 years and has come to notice what Americans call the "Big Bye". "People working long win-ter periods can develop a colleague, so you can't go out-side for a walk, which for some people can become quite a problem to handle."

glazed expression, staring into the distance," he said. "It's a way of being there physically, but getting away Linda Capper, spokeswoman for the British Antarctic Survey, said that in permanent darkness "the by being somewhere else in reduced light levels can your mind, somewhere more

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Singer tears a strip off Catholic group for snubbing charity concert

Dan Glaister Arts Correspondent

_OUR years ago Sinead O'Connor ripped up a picture of the Pope on Saturday Night Live, the holy of holies of US television. Last month. it was reported that she had en-rolled in a strict Catholic college to study theology. Whether or not the two events are connected, for-. giveness has not been forth-coming from an Irish Cath-

olic development agency. Trocaire, formally known as the Catholic Agency for World Develop-ment, announced yesterday

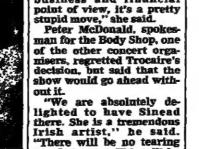
that it was withdrawing its backing from a charity concert in which the the singer is due to appear. The con-cert, to be held in Dublin on November 10, is to mark the first anniversary of the execution of Nigerian writer and civil rights ac-tivist Ken Saro-Wiwa. "This is nothing personal againet Sinaed O'Connor. is due to appear. The con-cert, to be held in Dublin on



Sinead O'Connor rips up the Pope's picture on US television

were deluged with protests," said a spokesman

"This is nothing personal the picture was no create against Sinead O'Connor. been voted most popular fe-But we are dependent on that needed to be discussed, which was what Ken Saro-the support of Catholic which was what Ken Saro-people and when she ripped Wiwa was about — the that Trocaire was passing abuse."



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up of pictures. This will be a broadcast event." Ms O'Connor, who was abused as a child, defended authority." The organisation first asked for the singer to be dropped, but other artists

appearing at the event Pope as a man, I was refer-countered that they would ring to the office of the not perform unless she was | Pope as an entity. "Pope John Paul is prob-

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ably a good man, but he remains silent on issues Ms O'Connor, who has that I feel strongly about -like abortion and child



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Tough action demanded, write Paul Brown and Martin Wainwright



At the height of the 1995 drought, water levels in Thruscross reservoir, left, fell so low the drowned village of West End was uncovered. Right, the replenished reservoir two weeks before a drought order is lifted

Water firms told to charge big users more

Homes with pools and sprinklers | next 25 years. The document 'should pay steep penalty rates' | charge_more_for_profilgate 'should pay steep penalty rates'

TWO-TIER system | water for "drinking and hyof charging for water, penalising people with swimklers and appliances that use a lot of water, is demanded today by the Department of the Environment. Metering should be introduced in the South and East where supplies were short,

giene" had been used up, charges should rise steeply to made to cut demand. cut summer peaks in demand. While metering in flats was not deemed necessary, houses would consider regulations to enforce careful use of water if with pools, sprinkler systems, more than one bathroom and water-hungry gadgets would

be targete The 1995 drought and fears of shortages due to climate the department said in a doc-ument. Once a basic ration of of water resources over the

damage the environment. The Water Services Associuse. They would not be allowed to build new reseration, representing nine of the largest companies, said voirs unless leakage was yesterday it did not think it under control and every effort could meet water demand without building another six The department said it large reservoirs.

Brian Duckworth, manag-ing director of Severn Trent Water, said it was no longe companies did not take their responsibilities seriously. It is clear the department is just a question of quality but quantity. In 1961 water use averaged 85 litres a head per to put the squeeze on the com-panies by offering to give the Environment Agency and the day; by 2021 it was expected to be 190 litres. It took 15 years to bring a planned reservoir into use. Office of Water Services new powers to make them use

damage the environment not Yorkshire's 16-month drought ends with talk of a flush future

> HE longest and most acrimonious drought in Britain for half a century was declared over yesterday, as Yorkshire Water announced the imminent

lifting of its hosepipe ban and the end of a raft of controversial riverwater exraction orders. Rainfall, £170 million in-

frastructure improvements and a slump in customer demand have cleared the

way for normal service after 16 months. Reservoirs in the worst stricken area, the normally rain-sodden Pennine chain, remain unusually low at 48

per cent, but that compares with 23 per cent a year ago. Kevin Bond, head of Yorkshire Water Services said that 180 miles of new pipe and extra pumping

stations now guaranteed supplies and the link to the

Tees water system, com-pleted this week, would not mental groups to help de be needed over the winter. The company, which heaped misery on itself by public relations gaffes dur-ing the drought, balanced the "save water" appeal with new targets to cut its own water waste. John Layfield, production director, said leakage had declined from 29.8 per cent to 26.4 per cent over the year. The firm, which is offer-ing a free leak repair ser-

vice, is also proposing a consultation exercise with customers and environ- back another year."

cide services into the next century. The package was welcomed cautiously by consumer and environm tal groups, with a warning against "repeating the failure to invest in the past". Peter Bowler, campaigns

officer for Yorkshire Water's most persistent critic, WaterWatch, said: There must be more replacement of pipes on a similarly massive scale to the emergency £170 million programme, if we are to avoid the crisis coming

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29 years in other jails. He is serving two life sentences im-Nick Varley osed for the 1967 murders. Mr Williams, of Lymington, Hampshire, said: 'I thought HE parents of one of the victims of a child muryou could only go though hell derer who has been on once. But now we are going through it again. "There has got to be an in-

"The public should know was condemned by David the suffering that people like Rendel, the MP whose New-us feel. That is why I just bury constituency includes want to see him back in the murder scene.

"My wife says he should be hanged, but I have always said it would be too good for him. He should stay in prison

"The staggering thing is that nobody has been told about it. It's outrageous, particularly for the relatives

of the two young girls," he said.

News in brief

'5,000 Shearers' Parents 'in hell' as killer escapes Pupil dies in fall

from class window

A 13-YEAR-OLD boy plunged to his death from a third-floor window during an art class yesterday at Currie High School, in Edinburgh. Parents were contacted and asked to collect their children and education authority counsellors were sent to the school to help shocked pupils and staff.

Owen Bowcott

lie unclaimed

in bank vaults

there are £1 million in betting shop winnings, £24 million in National Lottery prizes and

£14 million in Premium Bond

payouts awaiting collection. This scale of lost personal

treasure is not accepted by all financial analysts. "It sounds awfully high." a spokesman

for the British Bankers

the run for three weeks last night said they were going through a second hell. Terence and Pamela Willams did not know that

HE bank vaults of Britain hold more than £77 billion in unclaimed deposits, a financial research company claimed yesterday - enough to build seven more Channel tunnels or field 466 football teams composed

entirely of Alan Shearers. The sum, implying we are a nation of absent-minded squirrels frequently forgetting where we stored surplus funds, has been calculated by the marketing body Mintel.

Equivalent to the United Kingdom's annual social security budget, the largest element of the overall figure is made up of money abandoned in dormant bank, building or friendly society accounts - estimated at £41

billion. As much as £22 billion exists in unclaimed cash or dividends from successive company flotations. Unused company benefits, a more notional value, are said to constitute a further £10

billion. Other assets left gathering cobwebs include £333 million in unused pensions, £452 million in unit trusts and £108 million in neglected life assurance policies. The degree to which incom-

plained. "If it's not redeemed petence or amnesia exceeds greed is illustrated by the fact by November 21, it will all be lost'

Association suggested. 'Most of the unclaimed balances in obsolete accounts are just a few pounds. The vast majority are below £25. We don't collect such figures." Mintel, which carried out the exercise on behalf of the Visiting the pub 'boosts job hopes' Independent Financial Ad-

viser association, describes its sums as, if anything, underestimat "No one has ever collected this data before," said Paul Hersey of Mintel. "After a

while when the owners of this money can no longer be traced, banks and building societies often put it in a cen tral account.

"There's no time limit on it being claimed."

T IS the message the unem-ployed cribbage players at the corner table in the Dog The National Lottery is one of the few bodies which has a and Duck have been waiting for, writes Lorry Elliott. system for dispersing un-claimed cash. After 180 days, winnings are handed over to Far from simply boosting

the profits of the big brewer-ies, buying a round can be the "We are holding a £2 million first step on the road back to work. prize from a ticket bought in A study out today provides Hull," a Lottery official ex-

a counterblast to the moral-ists and the anti-drinking "But it shows how important informal contacts are for certain types of jobs, includhealth police, suggesting that men head off for a couple of ing casual work.

Networking at

local as good

as JobCentre

quiry into what happened and how he got out. They should Mrs Williams said: "It has David Burgess, who sexually assaulted and then drowned have kept him in a proper prison. He does not deserve to get out ever."

their daughter Jacqueline, aged nine, was at large until told by journalists that he had Mr Williams, who was with police when they discovered his daughter's body in a escaped from prison. Burgess, who also stabbed Jacqueline's friend Jeannette gravel pit near Newbury, Berkshire, where Burgess worked, added: "This man Wigmore to death, walked out of Leyhill Open Prison, ruined my life and robbed my Gloucestershire, after serving | first child of her future.

About more vacancies by networking in their local than men who rely on formal methods such as JobCentres,

according to the independent think tank, the Policy Studies

"I was initially surprised

by the result because I had

expected heavy drinking to be

symptomatic of other prob-

lems which would count

against someone looking for a job," said Joan Payne, one of

the report's authors.

Institute,

brought Jacqueline's death back again and it all seems like yesterday. "I have never been able to

forgive him and I honestly think he could do it again. He could even be out for revenge because he has been inside so long." The delay in publicising the escape of Burgess, aged 49, prison."

their glasses to

AFTER the lunchtime rush, the serious busi-ness begins. Industrious

afternoon drinkers in the

Mitre in north London

were hard at it. reading the

paper and scrutinising

their pints, writes Clare

Longrigg.

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"They must feel badly let down by the police and Prison Service. This secrecy is not acceptable."

A spokesman for the Prison Service, Gavin Bostock, said: We will be investigating what has happened in this case but the priority is that he is recaptured. He will not be going back to an open

Elizabeth Maginnis, education committee convenor, said "The teacher went over to a cupboard to get something from it, there were some screams and the next thing the teacher knew the child was out the window. We don't know the circum-

stances. The police are obviously taking statements from other children in the class who witnessed the incident." Eric Melvin, head of the 963-pupil school, said: "Our first thoughts are with the family of the boy. This is a tragic accident and naturally the staff and pupils are deeply distressed." .

Eco-villagers evicted

LONDON'S first sustainable eco-village proved ultimately unsus-tainable yesterday when balliffs evicted the inhabitants and destroyed all their dwellings. About 40 people had been living on the 13-acre site, in Wandsworth, south London, since several hundred unlawfully entered the derelict area in May to build hunnes and farm the land. homes and farm the land.

The mass squat had been intended as a week-long demonstra-tion against unused land in urban areas, but continued into a fivemonth social and environmental experiment. Guinness, the owner of the site, won eviction orders in June and August. One woman was arrested for biting a police officer's hand and another suffered minor injuries after falling off a 15ft-high roof. — Alex Bellos Up in smoke, G2 front

Judges delay custody ruling

THREE judges yesterday reserved judgment over whether a four-year-old girl should go to Jamaica with her mother, a drug dealer, or stay with her foster mother in Britain.

Helen Osborne, aged 40. from Perth, appealed to the Court of Session in Edinburgh against a ruling in August by a sheriff that it was in the best interests of the child, Fiona, to be reunited with her mother. Mrs Osborne looked after Fiona while the girl's mother centrade to the unsultant for the second secon mother served a two-year jail sentence for supplying crack cocaine.

The mother Althea Matthan, aged 21, is in Styal Prison in Manchester awaiting deportation, having completed her jail sen-tence. She has another daughter, Crystal, who was born in prison and who will go to Jamaica.

A 10-YEAR-OLD girl and her family's lodger, who disappeared

during a coastal walk in Devon, were found by police yesterday. Paul Husbands, aged 51, and Ann-Marie Radbourne were taken to

Heavitree police station, Exeter, where they were both thought to

They were found earlier in the day following a tip-off. Officers

from Torbay, who were investigating the disappearance, trav-elled to Exeter to begin interviewing the pair. Fears for the girl's safety grew after she failed to return after leaving her Paignton

'Honesty of police' at issue in pocket calculator theft case

Martin Walnwright

AJURY charged with hear-ing the case of a police officer accused of stealing a £1.50 calculator was warned yesterday not to treat the issue as an expensive sledgehammer to crack a small nut.

Leeds crown court was told that the alleged theft - in the lowest legal category which a jury trial can decide — repre-sented confidence in the honesty of the police.

James Goss, prosecuting, said that the secret surveil-lance operation at Dewsbury police station, West York shire, where several small items had gone missing, was not à trivial matter. He al-leged that PC Andrew Whit-field, aged 30, had stolen the solar-powered pocket calcula-tor which had been placed in

front of a hidden camera as The court heard that the

trap had first been organised with an officer's torch placed temptingly in a quiet room after Dewsbury officers lost a series of small items. When no one disturbed the torch, it was replaced with the calculator.

Mr Goss said PC Whitworth had been videoed taking the calculator on February 11, 1994, and had said nothing when his shift was paraded four days later and all members asked if they knew where the instrument had gone. The officer denies theft, saying he had only borrowed the calculator to do the ac-counts for the force football team, of which he was

suggested that PC Whitfield, of Wakefield, West Yorkshire, had anything to do with the other missing items. After being arrested and told his car and house would be searched, be had told fellow officers there was no need as the calculator was at home, where be had done the

He had said: "I was going to out it back. I don't want a calculator." He had not owned up at the parade as he did not want to say anything in front of his shift

Michael O'Keefe, told the court that it was common for officers to borrow small items and later return them. The case continues.

A bus qualifies for the Guinness Book of Records by hitting a rallway bridge in Swindon. Wiltshire, the 83rd time it has been hit in six years. The Railtrack stunt yesterday was to highlight damage to railway bridges by vehicles, which costs Railtrack 55 million a year tillo, the choice had been

and was nursing a medici-nal pint of bitter, said he had found work in the past

at the bar. "You're more likely to get casual work in the pub. It's word of mouth.

You pick up jobs passed from people you know," he said. "It's all cash in hand,

AFORMER SAS officer, General Sir Charles Guthrie, has been appointed to Britain's top military job after bitter behind the scenes arguments with the navy which wanted its own man to

be chosen. Sir Charles takes over next year from another soldier, Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, who became Chief of the De-fence Staff when his RAF predecessor resigned over a sex-ual scandal.

It is about 10 years since the navy was represented at this level. Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton said yesterday he found it "impos-sible to imagine" why Admi-ral Jock Slater, First Sea Lord and a former vice-chief of the defence staff, was not chosen, since both candidates were of commercials outling comparable quality.

However, a Ministry of De-fence official said that after long consideration by the De-PHOTOGRAPH: RICHARD WWITLE | made "on merit".

Financial adviser faces retrial A FINANCIAL adviser accused of stealing £1.2 million from the Salvation Army is to face a retrial. A new hearing was ordered yesterday after the jury trying Stuart Ford, aged 45, cleared him of two of 22 counts of theft, but falled to reach verdicts on the

home with the lodger on Sunday.

Girl and lodger found

be unharmed

remainder. A two-week trial at Southwark crown court heard that Ford, of Finchley, north London, allegedly stole the cash during a 65.6 million investment programme involving standby letters of credit. He told the jury he had never stolen a penny belonging to the Salvation Army and had always acted in its best interests.

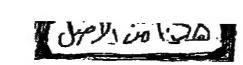
Race attacks rise

THE police recorded 12,222 attacks and other incidents as racially The poince recorded 12223 attacks and other includes us a nuclivated in 1995/96, a rise of 3 per cent over the previous 12 months, the Home Office announced yesterday. Home Office Minister Timothy Kirkhope said serious racial violence was still extremely rare and that there was no evidence that the problem was growing. "These figures show that the ethnic minorities are... more confident about reporting these incidents to the police. They know they will be dealt with professionally." — Alan Travis.

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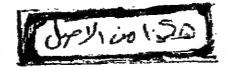


gets top job David Fairhall Defance Correspo

Longrigg. Artist Nigel Preece agreed that the pub is a good place to pick up con-tacts. "You do find work in the pub, because you go to places where your own type Navy angered as army man

there."

jars with their mates to find a Regulars raise goes. Different professions tend to drink together. I go Job. Pub regulars can learn their classes to to the Queen's Blead in Fulham, it's a pub where art-ists gather, and I've picked up a few commissions Harry, who was off sick



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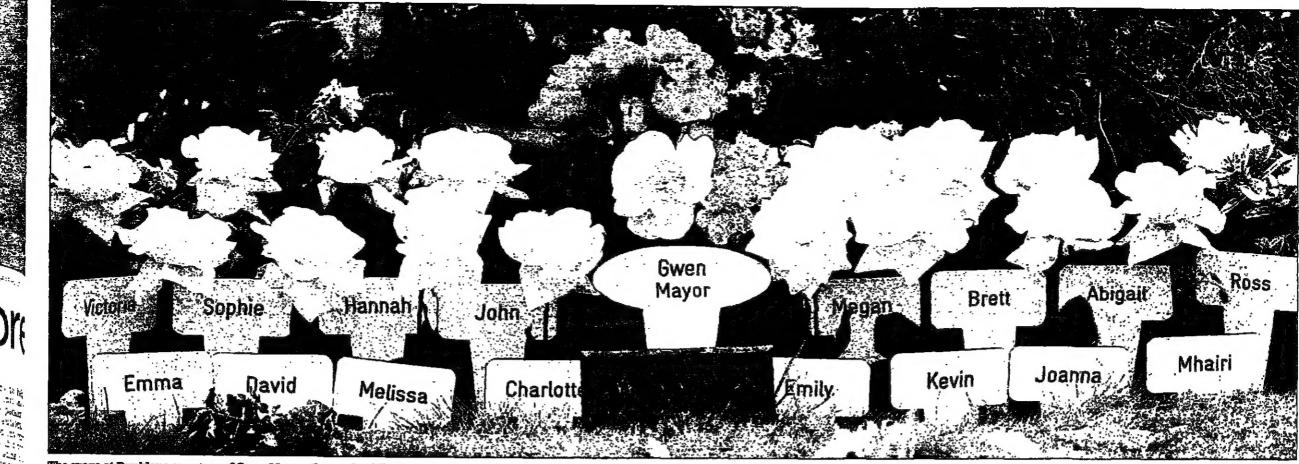
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Erlend Clouston meets parent of a six-year-old who was shot and lived: 'You have the stress of possible long-term problems'

Frauma of Dunblane survivor's father



The grave at Dunblane cemetery of Gwen Mayor, the teacher killed when Thomas Hamilton opened fire in the primary school gym on March 13, displays the names of the 16 children who died with her

Thomas Hamilton walked into the Dunblane gym on March 13. "We're getting over the physical injuries," says his father, Jim. "We're hoping for

the best long-term. Shortterm, there isn't any depres-sion or anything like that." Sixteen children and a teacher were shot that day

ARK Mullan, now aged six, was shot but lived when the problem of the stress of Mr Mullan, a civil engineer, tived when the problem of the stress of Mr Mullan, a civil engineer, tived when the problem of the stress of Mr Mullan, a civil engineer, tived when the problem of the stress of Mr Mullan, a civil engineer, tived when the problem of the stress of Mr Mullan, a civil engineer, tived when the problem of the stress of Mr Mullan, a civil engineer, tived when the problem of the stress of Mr Mullan, a civil engineer, tived when the problem of the stress of Mr Mullan, a civil engineer, tived when the problem of the stress of Mr Mullan, a civil engineer, tived when the problem of the stress of Mr Mullan, a civil engineer, tived when the problem of the stress of Mr Mullan, a civil engineer, tived when the problem of the stress of Mr Mullan, a civil engineer, tived when the problem of the stress of Mr Mullan, a civil engineer, tived when the problem of the stress of Mr Mullan a tive the the transformation transformation the transformation the transformation the transformation transformation the transformation transformation the transformation transformation the transformation transfor your child being shot and maybe having long-term psy-chological problems, but then you have the trauma of hav-ing 17 people killed. So you can't say Tm happy, our child has survived." Mark won't talk, or hardly ever, about what happened. He has had one session with a psychologist at Stirling Royal

aged 54, emphasises that the boy is not mentally ill but just needs to be sort of emotionally flushed out. "He's trying to forget, which is fine; but isn't fine, if you understand. He needs treatment, but not in a dramatic way. Just to talk to him

him. The fact he started to run out of the way, instead of standing there, helped to minand discuss it with him gradimise the impact ually. Just one pace at a time.

rang him. She had noticed police closing off the road to the school. Twenty minutes deeply through his memory. He does not want the publiclater he was in Dunblane and then, after some hours, back ity, he explains. After a pause, in Stirling by Mark's hospital he says Mark was seriously bedside. injured. "He tried to avoid the "His life was in the balance bullets. Which actually belped for four days. He was con

scious throughout. Just calmly sitting there waiting histurn." The builet holes have and Mark plays like

Stirling office when his wife | any ordinary six-year-old. "He was slightly more aggres-sive for a few months, but not now. On the face of it you wouldn't think there's any thing wrong with him."

Perhaps because of his tranche of good fortune, Mr Mullan is philosophical about what Lord Cullen's report might recommend today. "I would like some gun ban-ning," he says, "because I think it will happen again, or haustions. "I don't perform as well as I used to, with all this stress going on." One worry is the Mullan luck might not something similar, as you stretch so far again. "So when

can't trust people with such dangerous weapons. "It's up to Lord Cullen. If he left the guns that are used for the Olympic Games, with a single shot, that would be acceptable to me." isn't a God, its difficult to say Nonetheless, Mr Mullan has found the build-up to today an exhaustion to pile on other ex-

there isn't one, even though" his voice trails off. How does he square that with March 13? "I'll give you Mark's answer.

"He basically said: 'Well, there were just too many of us for God to save.

Cullen inquiry into gun control and other issues: questions and answers

Q. What was the Cullen inquiry intended to do? A. It was set up after the murders of 16 children and their teacher at Dunblane primary



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cants have a good reason for owning a gun (ie target shooting), that they are not of "in-temperate habits or unsound mind", and that weapons and ammunicion can be sto curely at home. If, as in Hamilton's case, there is no formal evidence of unsuitability, chief consta-bles are advised to exercise a discretion which can be chal-



he goes in a car, if you're not driving, you think 'God, is he going to be all right?" Though not a churchgoer, he accepts the idea of the de-ity. "It's hard to believe there

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school on March 13. Lord Cui len, a Scottish judge, examined the issues of gun control, school security and vetting of adults working with children.

3.9.6 Q. How thorough was it? A. In physical terms, ex-tremely thorough. In 26 days it heard 171 witnesses and ac-A. A. cumulated two tonnes of tran-scripts and legal submissions. However, it failed to turn up incontrovertible evidence that Hamilton was a practising paedophile.

Q. Will anyone be blamed? A. As well as demanding a much more rigorous ap-4 at proach from the Home and Scottish Offices to gun legislation, Lord Cullen is expected to have harsh words about Central Scotland police's tirearms licensing procedures.

ual is Douglas McMurdo, for-merly Central Scotland's dep-uty chief constable, now assistant chief inspector of constabulary in Scotland Lie constabulary in Scolland. He decided a junior officer's memo in 1991 demanding revocation of Hamilton's gun licence ("He is an unsavoury character and an unstable personality") did not justify

any action. Hamilton's licence was renewed in 1992 and March 1995. Q. Surely after the 1987 Hungerford massacre, in which 16 people were shot by legally held weapons,

Q. What did Central Scotland police do wrong? A. The inquiry heard that, contrary to force standing orders, Hamilton's firearms file contained no criminal intelligence reports relating to the 1988 and 1991 investigations of his summer camps.

Q. What was Mr McMurdo's excuse? A. That the controversial

nemo, submitted by the head of his force's child protection unit, gave a misleading ac-count of Hamilton's assault on a camp member. More criti-

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lenged by judicial review.

Q. Presumably the police have a shared view on the best way of avoiding further gun massacres? A. No. The three Scottish staff associations want any

Lord Callen: dealt with two tonnes of documents permitted firearms to be se-cured in gun clubs. The Association of Chief Police Officers (English, Welsh and Northern Irish) would prefer them to be stored in licence-holders' homes.

times to procurator fiscals by Q. If Hamilton was thrown Strathclyde and Central Scot-land police, Hamilton was never charged with any ofout of the scouts as a sus-pected paedophile in 1974 why was he still running fence, let alone convicted. boys clubs 20 years later? A. The scouts did not tell Cen-

tral region, which subsequently was ordered by the Ombudsman to reinstate Hamilton's lets. Similar bureaucratic "walls" prethe Government has inten-sified its monitoring of fire-

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months. From January 1 the Home Office dropped the rule that new members be en-Q. How much might it cost to protect schools from intruders? Hamilton walked

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Q. Did anyone speak on be-A. His adoptive father said: "He never raised his hand to me at any time." In its evidence, the Scottish Target Shooting Federation speculated that Hamilton might have been driven to his action because he was "ostra-

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6 WORLD NEWS Blood tests raise fears for Yeltsin

avid Hearst in Noscow

RESH doubts emerged yesterday about Boris Yeltsin's fitness to undergo heart surgery next month after it was claimed that the Russian president's blood was not ealthy enough to sustain an operation.

Doctors have found very low levels of haemoglobin in Mr Yeltsin's blood, according to reports leaked to a radio station.

The news broke just as Colonel Valery Steletski, a former Kremlin investigator, accused the prime minister, the president's chief of staff and his senior aides of embez-zling huge public sums to build private country dachas and to fund Mr Yeltsin's election campaign.

Echo Moscow, an indepen-dent radio station, quoted unnamed sources in the Rus-sian Scientific Cardiological Centre as saying there was serious concern about the condition of the president's

The radio station said test showed a haemoglobin reading of 42 units, compared to normal levels of 78 to 96, and said doctors had so far failed to improve the president's anaemia.

The radio station reported that Mr Yeltsin had refused to submit to an intestinal examination to find the source of internal bleeding, and said his liver was not functioning normally.

It quoted cardiology and haemotology specialists as saying that open-heart surgery could not be performed in such circumstar

ministration Intensified when ol Steletski accused his chief

Croatia gets EU warning on human rights

John Paimer in Brussels

IE European Union has told Croatia it cannot expect privileged economic and trading links unless there are improvements in its record on democracy and

of staff. Anatoli Chubai: serving ministers and leading businessmen of tapping millions of pounds of state money to enrich themselves and fund the president's

campaign. In an interview with Moo kovsky Komsomolets, the col-onel --- who was sacked in September as head of the de-partment investigating topevel corruption in the president's security service - also accused the prime minister. Viktor Chernomyrdin, and the former presidential chief

of staff, Sergei Filatov, of building multi-million-pound dachas for themselves. Col Steletski poured scorn on the emergency commis sion set up to increase tax revenues under Mr Chernonyrdin and Mr Chubais.

He was quoted as saying: "Do you think that he[Mr Chubaisl does not know that Chernomyrdin has built for him and his sons such huge dachas that you would have to gather together half of the country's begans in order to earn such money." He claimed Mr Chubais, a serving deputy finance minis-

ter, Andrei Vavilov, and a former minister of foreign trade, Peotr Aven, had created huge illegal companies by tapping money from the state budget. Col Steletski is openly

working with General Alex-ander Korzhakov, Mr Yelt-sin's disgraced former bodyguard, for the political advancement of the national security chief, General Alex ander Lebed. A senior Russian defence

try official, quoted by the Interfax news agency, said yesterday that significant "quantitative and quali-Meanwhile, the power tative" changes were needed struggle in Mr Yeltsin's ad- to the Start-2 strategic arms reduction treaty before Rus-sia could ratify it.

Charities attack

Britain over UN food summit

lan Black Diplomatic Editor

JOHN MAJOR has come under criticism for not planning to attend next



Clouds of vagour replace columns of ash as the volcanic eruption under losland's Vatnajokull glacier appears to die down. Massive floo expected and emergency services remain on full alert ive flooding caused by melting ice is still PHOTOGRAPH: MICHAEL PROBST

Dinosaur footprints go on outback walkabout

Christopher Zinn in Sydney r HAS already been

called the Jurassic heist and, if it were not such a scientific and cultural tragedy, would have all the ingredients of a great who-dunnit — including an Aboriginal curse.

It is the organised theft of 130-million-year-old fossilised dinosaur footprints from an Aboriginal sacred site in the remote outback of Western

Australia Thieves used power tools to hack out the only known foot-prints of a stegosaurus from

solid rock at a site 20 miles north of Broome on the Kimerley coast.

The senior curator of fossils at the University of Western Australia, Ken McNamara,

The only known footprints of a stegosaurus, shown to scale, before thieves removed them with power tools for damage. But the sheer size of Western Australia,

double-row backbone and | also enormous. Aborigines spiny tail, once roamed Aus-tralia. They also proved the to a mythical creature from said yesterday that the loss to science was incalculable. "I nent Gondwana which in-don't know what the foot-don't know

Bad news for Juppé as French journalists strike

Alex Duval Smith in Paris

RENCH kiosks are be

= reft of many news-papers today after

ournalists went on strike

against a plan to are gener-ous tax privileges which they have claimed for more

than 60 years.

assembly.

their taxable income.

to return them immediately.

According to Aboriginal tradition, whoever has taken them has placed themselves

in great danger. They might get sick or I might get sick." Mr Roe warned that the of-

fence was punishable by

death under Aboriginal law. "If he comes to face me I will

put a spear through him and

finish him." he said in Broome, a tourist town 1,800

miles porth-west of Sydney. The state government has already moved to increase se-

curity on sites and penalties

more than 10 times that of

Britain, makes protection

release any information. End

ing months of speculation, Madonna's spokeswoman said the child would be

christened Lourdes Maria

Ciccone Leon. That's Loor

dez, rather than the single

syllable pronunciation of the

French town where the Vir-

gin Mary was supposedly

sighted in 1858. The child's father, so far lit-

"Mother Madonna Ciccone,

Dozens of reporters and

to catch a glimpse of mother

News of the birth was even-tually broken to reporters by Dr Fleiss, who this year pleaded guilty to charges of

tax evasion arising from his efforts to conceal the earnings

from his daughter's prostitu-

difficult.

item: "Due to industrial action over government tax changes, we cannot bring year's budget. The draft mentary debate on next year's budget. The draft

on a news bulletin." The national news agency. Agence France-Presse, closed down for 24 hours but promised a skele-ton service. One story ran at 4.23am yesterday when a night editor put out a 23-word bulletin on the birth Mr Juppé said he would not go back on plans to of Madonna's daughter. Journalists on the biggest

Despite a last-minute gov-ernment pledge to safe-gnard journalists' spending power, public service tele-vision and radio stations newspapers voted to stop work, preventing titles ran minimal news bulletins yesterday. Several hundred journalists demonstrated outside the national such as L'Equipe, Le Figaro, Anjourd'hui and France-Soir from appearing today. But the leftwing as more hesitant.

Both Libération and Le The one-day strike was called by six unions in pro-Monde are on news stands after journalists there iest against a government proposal to abolish a tax voted against strike action exemption dating back to 1934, under which journal-ists may deduct 30 per cent on the basis that the tax break was iniquitous in the present climate of unem-ployment and economic of their salary, up to a limit of F50,000 (£6,300), from

Late on Monday, the prime minister, Alain Juppé, attempted to ap-The radio station France Info played its news jingle every seven minutes as usual, followed by a single pease journalists' unions, whose strike call coincided

budget scraps tax breaks for more than 100 professions, including fashion nodels, pilots and nurses.

> phase out the breaks, be cause they were part of a eform which would cut in come tax for most But he said the minister. Jean Arthuis, would ensure that the meaare did not put any group at a disadvantage

Journalists' unions claim the scheme is crucial to the survival of the French press, which unlike Britain's is subject to VAT. They say scrapping the agreement - which also allows managers to bay reduced employers' contr butions - will lead to job

The French receives a F2 billion state subsidy, but most national dailies find themselves almost constant. trouble

Army plan sparks Chernobyl fears

SCIENTISTS yesterday protested against plans to allow the military to engage in training exercises destroying abandoned Belarussian villages contaminated by the Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster in neighbouring Ukraine in 1986. The newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda quoted radiologists as saying fires and explosions from the exercises would raise radiation levels to 1,000 times above normal and spread radio

active dust up to 25 miles away. Dr Victor Homich, a biologist and MP heading the parliamenary commission on Chernobyl, said the exercises would be dangerous. "Because we have no clear border with Ukrains in this area, conducting these exercises may cause an international scandal and a conflict with Ukraine," he said.

"The exercises could also cause the migration of animals that have been highly contaminated." — AP, Minsk.

Kingmaker weighs options

THE leader of the nationalist New Zealand First party. Winston Peters, is still considering his options since his party was left holding the balance of power after Saturday's elections. Mr Peters had attacked the National Party and its prime minister, Jim Bolger, and it was assumed he would line up with Helen Clark's Labour Party and the leftwing Alliance to force a change of government. But he will talk to both leaders, and speculation is rife that he will back the National Party. It seems and its polici elv to co-oos

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piritual significance for our people," said the site custo dian Joseph Roe. "We urge whoever has taken the fossils

News in brief

human rights.

A senior Croatian govern ment delegation sent to Brus-sels this week to plead for closer relations has been told that Zagreb must first fully co-operate with the international war crimes tribunal in The Hague, cease interfering with the independent media and recognise the rights of its political opposition. However, Croatia's diplo-

matic campaign to improve its relations with western Europe may be given further momentum today, if the 39member Council of Europe admits it as a member.

Moves to accept Croatia were postponed in April in protest against the govern-ment's dissolution of Zagreb's elected city council, its "repressive action against the media" and its lack of cooperation with the war crimes tribunal.

When Croatia's prime minister, Zlatko Matesa, visited it would require more than the European Commission political will to feed the this week, he was told: "Croatia has further to go on the road to democracy and respect of human rights."

In spite of repeated protests by the war crimes tribunal's president about Croatia's lack of co-operation, there have been reports of alleged war criminals moving freely around Zagreb.

Although opposition parties won a clear majority in elec-tions for Zagreb's city council, President Franjo Tudiman refuses to recognise the city administration's authority.

Organisations monitoring tural techniques improved. human rights and press free-Thin spread on a big table, G2 page 11 dom are also worried about efforts to muzzle the media.



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month's United Nations World Food Summit in Rome. More than 100 heads of state or government are to atmarket ... they were unique," he said. tend the summit, its secremarket tary-general, Kay Killingsworth, said in London yesterday. But it is unlikely that any will be from the Group of Seven industrialised countries - the world's rich-

est. Britain is being represented by Baroness Chalker. Haider gamble | Madonna's link to the Overseas Aid Minister. Charities working in the development field argue that Britain's approach sends out the wrong message — that over Europe hunger and poverty are restricted to the developing world — whereas only an in-

tegrated global strategy that links North and South can solve problems. "Lack of food requires global efforts." said Laura Kelly of Actionaid, one of The vote-winning Britain's five leading develop anti-EU stance of ment non-governmental organisations. "Even if John Major himself were to attend

future crisis unless fish

stocks are conserved, fertile

land protected and agricul-

hungry." The Rome summit, organised by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation,

Austria's far-right Freedom Party is a shrewd tactic used by its leader

has already been criticised for failing to discuss new funding or produce mecha-DER STANDARD CARE tactics about Europe are a political gambit that Freedom Party leader Jorg nisms to help feed the world's 800 million chronically undernourished. World food production has increased to match popula-Haider has used twice, writes tion growth since 1945, but grain shortages suggest a Katharina Krawagna-Pfeifer. His first attempt failed ut-

terly. The second has been a success for him and for his unusual list of candidates at Sunday's European Parlia-ment elections (including a Jewish journalist and author, Peter Sichrovsky). Haider and Europe perfectly exem-plify the politics of contradic-

Süddeutsche Zeitung

THE announcement that the Norwegian hamlet of Honningsvag, population

2,800, is to be awarded town status has resulted in a death threat to its mayor. Next week the government

is to repeat an archaic law regarding the allocation of Town Charters which means

any cluster of houses will be entitled to call itself a town

On October 30 the rural coun-

Christopher Oellers

package of spending cuts with the cost of EU membership. tion that the head of the Free-dom Party has espoused His success in the elections to the European Parliament puts post-war Austria's most throughout his career. In the seventies and eightchangeable politician com-fortably back in the saddle for ies, the Freedom Party led vehement calls for Austria to the fores

eable future.

The loss to the local Goolarabooloo and Jabirjabir

theft, said the footprints formed one of a "song line" of broader issue of the extent to The prints were the only people, for whom the foot-direct evidence that the stego-saurus, a herbivore with a and a registered sacred site, is "The footprints have great sacred sites used in aborigi- which [Aboriginal] people

lan Katz in New York

ADONNA, who has de

Woted most of her adult life to shocking

the rest of us, managed to

spring one more surprise as she gave birth to her first

The singer and actress, who has been re-christened the

Maternal Girl by almost

every newspaper in America, chose Dr Paul Fleiss, a paedi-

atrician best known as the father of the Hollywood Mad-

am Heidi Fleiss, to care for her baby. In the morally gymnastic,

incestuous world of Holly wood, it seemed oddly appro

ca's modern madonna should

be looked after by the father of its most famous madam. Madonna provided a lesser

surprise by giving birth at the

relatively unsalubrious Good

Samaritan Hospital in down-

town Los Angeles rather than the smarter Cedars Sinai Hos-

Admitted to the hospital

under the name of Victoria Fernandez, the singer gave birth to a 6lb 9oz girl at

There were reports that the

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Death threat to mayor in town that's on top of the world

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child on Monday afternoon.

protection," he said.

madam's father

Park.

or child.

anti-union laws could now be negotiable. Meanwhile, residents of Millerton on the South Island's west coast were revealed as the only voters to deliver a clear victory for disgusting and raises the the Legalise Cannabis Party, which won 14 of the 31 votes cast at

the small town's polling station. - Giles Wilson, Wellington. can feel secure about heritage

Ebola kills 10 in Gabon

THE Ebola virus has killed 10 people in the west African country of Gabon, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said yesterday. The United Nations health agency confirmed that an Ebola-type virus had infected 14 people since July 24 in the Boue region in the north-east of the country. The WHO has sent a term of The virus is one of the most deadly known to man and causes

death in at least 80 per cent of cases. - AP, Geneva.

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singer underwent a Caesar-from his daug ean, but the hospital did not tion operation.

giving up without a fight. In the Hammerfest Town Should they have the appe-Hall, the burgomeister. Tor-mod Bartholdsen, holds forth in front of a large of painting tite, they can sample some while listening to the factory On October 30 the rural coun-cil of Honningsvag will, after in front of a large ofl-painting owner extolling the merit a six-year fight, proclaim it-self a town council.But the storm: "We have spent Croatia and Black Africa. owner extolling the merits of his splendid exports to Italy.

Hammerfest can no longer claim to be the world's northernmost town "we shall be 40 million kroner worse off every season and 100 jobs be lost. "How many tourists would be interested in visiting the northernmost Catholic church or the northernmost football pitch in the world?" He has been to Oslo five

times to try to persuade both the government and opposition usities to intervene, but in

says. However, he regards death threats as inappropriate. "That is not my style."

"I shall continue to fight" he

wins the day join the European Union. Haider was always a noisy advocate of this policy. The shift came only when it be-

came a serious option. Jorg Haider tried to turn the referendum on entry into the European Union on June 12 1994 into a vote on domestic politics. At his party's anti-EU rally, he urged people present to send "a warning to the government'

In fact the plan backfired. More than 66 per cent of the Austrian people voted against his anti-EU line. Two years later, the European turncoat has triumphed. Haider successfully exploited widespread disappointment over unfulfilled promises on Europe, and called again for a warning vote.

He accused the government

of dealing "in a cavalier man-

ner with the confidence it was

awarded on June 12". He linked the government's

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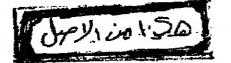
stop the mayor and township claiming a title after this change that means tourists,

change that means operations, jobs and money in this eco-nomically hard-pressed region. That title is "most northerly town in the world".

For 200 years the title has

gone to Hammerfest, 50 miles

further south, and it is not



President's visit to East Timor a 'publicity stunt'

Suharto snubs peace laureate

John Aglionby In Jakarta

NDONESIA'S President Subarto met the 1996 Nobel peace laureate, Bishop Carlos Filipe Xie-menes Belo, yesterday but snubbed East Timor's Roman Catholic bishop by avoiding mention of the honour. President Subarto refused to speak to Bishop Belo at the

inauguration of a 90ft-high bronze statue of Christ in East Timor's capital, Dill, and asked questions only on reli-gious matters during their 10minute helicopter ride to view the monument.

ALTA SEL SCRAPHE independence leader, José

Alain about Stan CO23:211 8 dent to the largely Catholic territory, was also surprised

would have been better if it had been done," he said. Indonesia denounced Friday's peace award. The foreign

minister, All Alatas, described Mr Horta as a "misguided ad-venturer" and avoided comment on Bishop Belo. Mr Horta, speaking in Sydney, described the presideveloping."

ent's visit as a ridiculous atyesterday, Bishop Belo called on indonesia to be more sentempt to win East Timorese loyalty. He said: "We believe it is a publicity stunt to signal sitive to the East Timorese. He said: "If you go to the houses of the people ... you will feel that there is still oppression with soldiers every-where, watching you, hearing what you're talking about." The government, he said, "should have sufficient intel-

ligence to hear the people's aspiration to sit down and to it is the blessing that counts. The statue is still a subject of have talks"

1975 and annexed it the the cost of the statue, which has been put at about following year. Loyalty has been enforced at gunpoint and up to 200,000 people have Some 100 university studied fighting

the territory yesterday, burn-ing paper and pelting a police eignty over the province.



This 90ft bronze statue of Christ at Fatukama Bay, near the East Timorese capital Dili. the Hindu Kush was yesterday unveiled by the Indonesian presider



Jonathan Steele in Kabul

criss-crossing his black shirt cut an imposing presence, ex-cept for his bare feet. His vords were less arresting.

"We're upset that we've lost so much ground. The Taliban are good people," he said. He listed five villages, starting with Istalif, which Cmdr Mas-soud's men had infiltrated. IKE a poose tightening Around the jugular, the Afghan forces opposing the Taliban militia moved another stage closer to the capi-

tal Rabul yesterday. Towns and villages on the ridge of hills to the north-west Asked why the Taliban had been pushed back, Mullah Abdul Rahman Akhund, the regional commander, came of the capital fell to guerrilla followers of Ahmed Shah Massoud, the former defence close to blaming the Taliban's minister, while on the other flank his forces increased supreme leader: "Mullah Mo-hammad Omar told us to their pressure on the Bagram air base and the road which move fast and capture Jebel us Saraj and Charikar without runs round the eastern side of the city to Sarobl. stopping to search people's houses for weapons. Some say it was a mistake, but he said it was an annesty."

The key piece yet to be put in place is the main road from the north. The indications yesterday were that the The Taliban never con-trolled more than the main remaining question is whose tanks will roll down it. Senior road. The villages and farms on either side, which are largely peopled by Tajiks, the same stock as Cmdr Massoud, were never subdued. commanders from Commander Massoud's army, and from that of General Abdul Rashid

Dostam, the Uzbek warlord who controls the north, met Behind the Taliban front line at Karabagh, three tanks fired into Istalif and the other in Jebel us Saraj at the base of hill villages yesterday. But from there onwards no Tallban were in sight. On the anti-Taliban side,

A junior commander on Cmdr Massoud's side said General Dostam had made the On the anti-failban skoe, jockeying is still going on over a future government. Gen Dostam's spokesman, Mohammed Youssef, yester-day denied a report that he had recognised the former president, Burhanuddin Rab-bani, as the head of govern-ment. Observers believe the concert would not have made crucial decision to bring his tanks and heavy armour down the Salang pass. Much of Cmdr Massoud's

armour is bottled up in the Panjsher valley behind a bar-rier of rocks which his men dynamited across the raod two weeks ago during their retreat from Kabul. Cmdr Massoud's troops were busy yesterday clearing the road to free them. The way will then be open for them to re-enter the city under their own

There is little evidence of serious preparations to de-

a firm promise of a strong po-sition for himself. Meanwhile, diplomats reported yesterday that Gen-eral Baber, Pakistan's interior minister, had flown to Kabul to meet the Taliban fend Kabul. At the first Tall-ban roadblock, a Rambo-like he was trying to broker a figure with a belt of bullets ceasefire.

general would not have made

such a gesture before getting

City swallows up its green jewel

Bombay's national park is fighting off a human invasion. writes Suzanne Goldenberg in the last of her series on

lamps, and a long-distance telephone service. Others have fared less well. Ms Lakshmenmani

works as a building worker, earning 70 rupees a day for the task of transforming the hillside into a slum. Like many of the others living here, she has never even seen the centre of the city. "It costs money.

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"I was surprised to be con-gratulated by foreigners and not by Indonesians when this prize was given for peace," the bishop said. He shares the award with the East Timorese

Ramos Horta. The papal nuncio to Indone-sia, Monsignor Pietro Sambi, £8 million who accompanied the presi

Indonesia's sovereignty over East Timor, but we believe it is backfiring."

Bishop Belo criticised the statue project, saying: "The statue may have been inaugu-rated but it has not been blessed. For Roman Catholics

controversy for us." The East Timorese have been forced to contribute to Indonesia invaded the former Portuguese colony in

for dents staged a brief protest in independence. The United Nations still

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the sprawling city mals and humans. Mr women march up the ridge in columns, each head-load of bricks another advance in

the human invasion of a green refuge on the outskirts of Bombay. At 40 square miles, the Sanjay Gandhi national park claims to be the largest wildlife sanctuary

inside any metropolitan region in the world. "The natural forest is at your doorstep," said A. R. Bharti, the park's warden. "Can you imagine driving 15 minutes from a thickly populated area and seeing a panther? In such a place you can't believe you are in a major city." The park is hemmed in on three sides by the urban sprawl of Bombay and two satellite towns.

for his own species, whom he estimates bave destroyed_500 acres of parkland. He says all Bombayites will suffer if the park dies, losing a magical retreat as well as protection for the catchment areas of the city's main

Bharti has little sympathy

water supply. "How can you afford to lose a national park because the number of people is increasing in the city? They are not all poor people: it is a very system-atic efforts by slum lords to grab the land."

In Appa Pada, every bit of earth has its price. Ms Lakshmanmani paid 25,000 rupees for her one-room

They are not all Tower blocks overlook its western edge, and the main gate at the suburb of Bori-vali is still five stops short poor: it is a very systematic effort of the end of the commute by slum lords to

grab the land'

along with its 150 species of butterfly and 31 of reptiles, deer, other wild cats, and boar — are being besieged by the advancing metropohovel. Like Mr Pal, she pays an additional sum each month to those who lis: 200,000 slum dwellers have invaded its boundaries. claim to own the land. The park is fighting back He says the park will dis-

- although the brick build-ings of Appa Pada would suggest it is here to stay. Newer settlements are appear within 10 years if the slums keep growing. Its future is of less imme-diate concern to the people of Appa Pada, an established slum on the park's edge — although they have found more vulnerable. Park staff tear down huts when they can, and police buildoze huge swathes of slum every although they have fond memories of the wildlife few months, but the people return.

that once flourished here. On the edges of the park are 24 officially sanctioned quarries, and an approved "When I came here, this was all jungle," said Bhayama Lakshmanmani meat packing plant. The city only approved plans to comwho migrated to Bombay from Hyderabad eight plete the fencing around the years ago. "But what can I do? I had to live park last month. Yet despite his fears, the

omewhere." In the years since her leopard population is inarrival, Appa Pada has ac-cumulated a school, a haircreasing, the big cats grow-ing fat on their new neighdresser's, and several small bours' chickens and goats. A few have also develshops --- symbols of its relatively upward mobility. Some of her neighbours

oped a taste for human flesh. In May, a night watchman was eaten. Two children were killed by leopards last year. "Thousands of people

by developers. J. J. Pal, an electrician from northern India, fled here after he have come in and are movwas driven out of central ing freely in the forest," Mr Bombay five years ago. Bharti said. "The wildlife cannot tolerate such buman interference. If the encroachment continues,

When he came to Appa Pada, he paid 40,000 rupees (now about £800) for a oneroom shack. Now, it is a the animals will fight for tidy two-room shop, provid-ing dried goods, kerosene survival and in the process become dangerous."

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MPs' Last Chance Saloon

What was it the Speaker said about transparency?

mentary sleaze stutter into action. On | since Betty Boothroyd did not elaborate Monday afternoon the Speaker an- on what those allegations were we are nounced that she wanted the investigations to be speedy, thorough and "as transparent as possible." Members of must carry out his investigations in the Standards and Privileges Commit-tee were so impressed by the Speaker's words that they promptly scurried off to meet behind closed doors with a policeman for protection and two security guards patrolling the corridor outside. Thank God for transparency! Just imagine if they had decided to meet in secret.

Next time parliament lectures anyone else (notably, the press) on the evils of self-regulation we can all have a good chuckle. This is MPs' own Last Chance Saloon, and their attempts to prove to the outside world that they are willing and able to put their own House in order have not so far been handled with overwhelming competence or openness. The first attempt to look into the affairs of Neil Hamilton was, on the face of it, subject to improper influences from the whips' office. The second time round Labour proposed a Tribunal of Inquiry, but then thought better of it. The Government argued that a Tribunal could not be set up because it would infringe the Bill of Rights, which rules that no outside body can investigate proceedings in Parliament. Since the Lord Chancellor and Prime Minister personally intervened to amend the sacrosanct Bill of Rights to enable Neil Hamilton to launch his abortive libel action this is a less than persuasive argument. So we are back with Sir Gordon

Downey. Such is the transparency of 10 years? his committee it is difficult to know quite what to make of the process on which he is about to embark. We cannot be sure of his terms of reference: they have not been published. We are led to suppose that he will look at the "very

AND SO, creakingly, the post-Nolan serious allegations" to which the mechanisms for investigating parlianot much wiser. There is nothing in Sir Gordon's original brief that says he private, but that is apparently what he intends to do. It is suggested that he might not hear any evidence himself, but will merely prepare a report based upon the written evidence. Again, we do not know for sure.

And what will that written evidence consist of? Neil Hamilton, Ian Greer and the Treasury Solicitor will only promise to provide Sir Gordon with the papers they consider "relevant". Why so bashful? Why not hand over all the documents that would have been examined during a libel trial? How is Sir Gordon to know he has all the evidence he should have? Will he be able to get his hands on the 200 official papers the Government's QC told the trial judge were "relevant" to the case, but which the government did not wish to disclose? And will Neil Hamilton produce his tax returns, which he never produced for the Court? Will Sir Gordon be able to pinpoint the documentary smoking gun which appears to have caused Mr Hamilton and Mr Greer to part company three days before the libel case was due to start?

Will Sir Gordon confine himself to Hamilton, or will he also look at the other members of the Conservative Trade and Industry Committee? Will he call for the papers on Gerry Malone MP and Lady Olga Maitland? Will he sub-poena all Greer's accounts for the last

Last night's decision by the Committee to give Sir Gordon all the help he has asked for is a promising sign. But until we get answers to some of these questions we are still stumbling in the dark.

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Letters to the Editor **Missionary** imposition

Teresa's care is "19th century" (Sins of the missions, October 14) is an insult to the humanitarian traditions of the last century. It is distinctly mediaeval. One has to realise that she gives this "low-level care" to a small number of people. Her world famous Home for the Dying in Calcutta (Nirmal

Hriday) has 95 places, and conditions are like those of a concentration camp. The West has, of course, jealously guarded this woman over the last half century. It is not true that she is not criticised in India but such criticism never surfaces in the West. When it comes to apprais-ing Mother Teresa's work, the West makes two vital mis-takes: a) at least she is doing something while the others are not; and b) even if the

others are doing something or even much more than her, it was she who started it all. As it happens, by far the biggest charitable organisation in In-dia is the Ramakrishna Mission (with headquarters in Calcutta), which was estab-lished in 1897. Besides, there

O say that Mother people are poor" is a mali-Teresa's care is "19th cious get-out. It is up to politicians to sort that one out, but in the meantime someone India. has to relieve the suffering, even if it might not meet Western standards. James F Sullivan.

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MY memory of Momer Teresa's Home for the Dying was of destitute Hindus being predominantly "narsed" by middle-class sanctimonious European vol-uniteers who fed them food they were not used to (good Christian meat dishes) and spoke to them in a langua they didn't understand. The display of icons appropriate to their religion was banned. However, the motto by the picture of Mother Teresa herself does clarify the purpose of the exercise being to "die in peace with God". If I were to pluck dying

people off the streets of Lon-don, surround them with elephant-headed gods, feed them rice and lentils, patronise them in Bengali, and generally scare most of the remnants of life out of them, worship of Mother Teresa and would I be afforded the status the willingness of the Indian of living saint that is Mother government to allow her to stay in the country? Perhaps Teresa's? Tim Stillwell. it is because she is unlikely ever seriously to upstage the 52 Walford Road, London N16 8ED. government's own efforts to stem the rising population and poverty, and it has belat-edly realised the public-rela-ACILE criticism of Mother Teresa recalls that levelled at Dr Albert tions advantages of a real live Schweitzer and the hospital saint on its doorstep. The poor worship her beat Lambarene. Dr Schweitzer was a physician, Mother Teresa is not. Each has in

cism is very often given from a Western viewpoint with no understanding of working in

When a volunteer has worked for some months, it is possible to put forward ideas. I was a main protagonist in persuading the Khalighat sisters to build an area for wash-ing the solled blankets separate from the food dishes; to use disinfectant when re-using needles instead of only cold water, to prevent the spread of hepatitis and other infectious diseases; and not to administer aspirins to patients with stomach ulcers. I failed to persuade them that allowing patients newspapers or books would be beneficial to their well-being. There seems to be a general assump tion that because God is infal-lible, so too are his tools the veryone else's.

Missionaries of Charity. I am sure that God noted that the child who spent six months dragging himself across the floor had broken his legs. The infallible missionaries believed he had pollo - that child is now crippled for life

and must rely on charity. How then to explain the

Who will provide emergency treatment for the decrepit NHS?

denied emergency treatment is almost beyond belief (Hos-pital in cash crisis bars many can only deepen. Sylvia McLauchlan Director-general, The Stroke Association. elderly, October 10). But Whitecross Street,

lapse" and the closure of neighbouring casualty units, what is beyond belief is that MY wife and I were ap

this crisis was not foreseen. "A difficulty in discharging elderly patients" is no excuse for refusing older people emergency treatment purely on the grounds of age. If there is such a conflict between clinical and administrative judgment, the consequence must not be older people's deaths, for this will surely happen. Clinical need must prevail. It is unforgivable to tell older people that their lives are worth less than

The National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts and others have already warned that London's health services will be under severe pressure this winter. If this is happening in Hilling-don in October, what is in store for older people as the cold weather bites?

YOUR report that Hilling meet these needs, otherwise don's over-75s are being the crisis in long-term care

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sadly, with recent warnings of services being "close to col-London EC1Y 8JJ.

> tions on older emergency na tients in Hillingdon. My very cynical view is that it is a revenge attack on these people for voting the Conservatives out in 1945. Their childhood was in the inter-war years of depression, star-

vation, poverty and all such ills. The older ones possibly lost their fathers in the car nage of the trenches of the first world war. When the Beveridge plan was brought into being in 1948, they paid their National Insurance charges for the rest of their working life And since 1979 they have had their state pen-

sions reduced in value year after year. They have had to pay for dentistry and spec-tacles. Now, at 75, they are the very people having their houses sold from under them

Keeping the talks on the road

Ulster still needs an IRA ceasefire for genuine progress

WHEN is a breakthrough not a break- Boys that they intend to march on the through? Answer: when it's an agree city walls overlooking the nationalist ment between the Ulster Unionists and the nationalist SDLP. Of course Monday's late night deal between the two main Northern Ireland parties over the talks agenda is a welcome step in the right direction. It keeps the slow-moving process on the road. It probably secures the loyalist ceasefire at least until the next provocation. It shows that the main constitutional voices of unionist and nationalist Northern Ireland can not only live together but also work together.

The terms of the agreement are good too. The two parties have agreed that IRA this year. No one can know for the talks — procedurally deadlocked certain whether Mr Trimble would ever since they started in June should now get under way with a full decommissioning if the IRA ceasefire plenary session (minus Sinn Fein) and had still held: there are two schools of that weapons decommissioning should thought about that. But the Lisburn be downgraded to become a secondary and eventually parallel item in the talks. This is the only realistic means of making progress and it is a vindication though an important one, inevitably of the position adopted throughout by Senator George Mitchell. It also shows realistic flexibility, particularly on the part of the UUP leader David Trimble.

Ian Paisley's posturings yesterday suggest that the UUP and the SDLP must have got it right. Mr Paisley does not want political agreement in Northern Ireland and his denunciation of the deal is a disgraceful piece of sectarianism. Just as depressing, in a similarly unhelpful way, was the announcement yesterday by the Derry Apprentice manship. But we are still a long way off.

Bogside area this weekend. The Northern Ireland secretary must be as forthright in his response to this threat as he was when he banned the Apprentice Boys from marching the same route in August. Nevertheless, no one should delude themselves into thinking that Mr Paisley and the Apprentice Boys do not still speak for many loyalists in Northern Ireland.

The basic problem with the UUP-SDLP deal is simply that it is a deal in a situation transformed fundamentally for the worse by the bombings of the have been prepared to agree to parallel bombing seems to have given the UUP leader some space to move. The compromise he has made this week, alhas less far-reaching effects now than it would have had a year ago or than it would have today were the IRA interested in an acceptable ceasefire. Mr Trimble says the agreement is a way of

further isolating the IRA. But the IRA. have done that job more than adequately themselves by their determination to go on killing people. Now, as before, an IRA ceasefire is the sine qua non of real progress. It would also be the greatest test of Mr Trimble's states-

Race of the grounded aircraft

The UK land speed record is threatened: why don't we care?

loup-Laubat established the first official world land speed record of 39.2 miles per hour. For people travelling along roads at the pace of a horse (about 15 mph) this speed must have seemed awesome. For many years the contest was a plaything of the rich with winners like de Palma, Vanderbilt and even Henry Ford (driving a Ford). As cars became custom-built and even faster it went through a period of derring-do dominated by Brits like (Sir) Malcolm Campbell, John Cobb and Sir Malcolm's son, Donald. The record was British from 1929 until 1963.

Why then have the latest bids to break the record failed to spark the enthusiasm of earlier years? In theory the ingredients for success have never been higher. Chauvinism - never far from this contest - and high technology are there in abundance. A Brit, Andy Green, and an American, Craig generation of road vehicles. Or is there?

IN 1896 the Frenchman Gaston Chasse- | Breedlove are planning to break the sound barrier in an attempt to exceed the world record of 633.4 mph held by another Brit, Richard Noble, who is backing Green. They will both be driving jet-propelled racing machines (with an engine of 20,000 lbs thrust for Breedlove and two of 22,000 lbs for Green).

And that says it all. None of this is rooted in the real world. We can no longer correlate between two wingless aircraft and the cars we drive. There is danger and high technology to be sure but to package these into a vehicle which looks like two jet engines soldered together has no resonance in an age of low fuel consumption. The humans inside somehow seem redundant however dangerous it is for them. The "cars" could easily be driven by computer. And unlike the start of the century there is no chance of these monsters being precursors of a new

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is a huge number of Indian charities which are doing excellent work with less than a fraction of the budget of the Missionaries of Charity - we shall of course never know what their finances are, as Mother Teresa has steadfastly refused to publish her accounts. Whenever she is taken ill.

Mother Teresa rushes off to the plush Woodlands Clinic. the plush Woodlands Clinic. During her recent near-termi-nal illness she spent at least Rs 10,000 per day — roughly two months' wages of a Cal-cutta taxi driver. But why shouldn't she get the best medical care, being the world's No 1 celebrity? Aroup Chatterjee. 70 Well Street, London E9 7JA. CONSIDER your presenta-tion on Mother Teresa ut-

terly disgraceful. She has taken on tasks which none of your contributors would touch with a bargepole and all she gets in her ninth decade is abuse. The fact that Mother Teresa doesn't address the causes of "why

Class tensions

WENT to Rutlish School about nine years before John Major (Major: Now it's personal, October 12, and Let-ters, October 15). I was one of R A Butler's "babes" who benefited from the opportunities provided by the 1944 Edu-cation Act. John Major shared that good fortune.

Success in the entrance ex-amination at the age of 10 seemed a mixed blessing for us pupils, for the regime was severe. Many of the school rules were taken from that other world of "great" public schools which the recently retired beadmaster of Rutlish and many senior members of his staff clearly admired. No-one would have dared to add the word "grammar" to the proud title "Rutlish School". A pupil would have worn the obligatory black uniform, to which odd pieces of coloured piping and a range of ties were added to denote one's house and increasing seniority. Prefects would

wear mortar boards. Natu-rally we had our army cadet force. If anything, John Major had a privileged educational background for his time. **BJLancaster**. Faris Barn Drive, Woodham, Addlestone, Surrey.

dren, including myself, the 5Probyn Road, doors of grammar schools London SW2 3LH.

cause the small scraps of comfort she offers are infinitely more than they could nor-mally expect. The rich and common a pioneering venture in care of the infirm in difficult surroundings. As for prayer, if those en-gaged in the difficult task of comforting the distressed and middle classes appreciate her institutions as a relatively sanitised place to distribute sweets to the poor, to salve dying draw strength from their consciences and better prayer it is, perhaps, time that their critics looked into their chances in the Karmic struggle. Dan Leighton. its power. For none of them seems willing to go out and do

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SPENT seven months work-ing at Mother Teresa's first "hospice" at Khalighat in Calcutta after I left school. Critiedge those not used.

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OR John Major recently to state in the House of Comwere just as firmly shut as those of the independent schools. mons that "there is no differmons that "there is no oncer-ence between the Chancellor and I" shows just how poor his schooling must have been. We cannot respect a Prime Minister who does not know the rules of English (Dr) Martyn Bennett. 58 Ashby Road, Leicestershire LE11 3AE. FOR some reason. John Major must persistently remind us of his supposedly lowly origins in Brixton. Who know the rules of English Preminar.

Francis W Cope. 92 Whitton Close. has forgotten Mr Major's 1992 general election broadcast in Bessacarr. Doncaster DN4 7RD. which he drove past his one

time Brixton home gasping: "Is it still there?" Where did Sleaze watch

Now Mr Major has again reminded us that he reached Downing Street from "two rooms in Brixton". It would **D**OWNING Street has refused to set up an in-quiry into cash-for-questions under a senior judge because this would mean changing the rooms in Brixton". It would be of greater sociological in-terest were Mr Major to reach two rooms in Brixton via Downing Street, but it sun-kind of him to imply to those against your newspaper in the first place. How about a bit more nifty footwork to make the inquiry legally possible? Brian P Moss. 93 Mill Crescent,

Kingsbury, Tamworth, Staffs B78 3NW.

Paula Jones. Director, Age Concern London. 54 Knatchbull Road, London SE5.

THE Hillingdon Hospital de-cision comes just in time to exclude from treatment those soldiers, sailors, merchantnavy seamen, airmen and auxiliary-servicemen and -women who survived the war.

Franklin Medharst. Greystone, Carlton, Stockton, Teesside TS21 1DR.

YOUR report reveals a trend with which we are becoming all too familiar - a disturbing imbalance between the treatment and care needs of elderly and disabled people and the services in place to meet them. There can be no doubt that

this is a system in crisis. The major political parties must address the current crisis in long-term care for the elderly and disabled. Reports that the Queen's Speech may contain no legislative proposals on this issue can only add to the feeling that the crisis is being allowed to develop unchecked.

We need a system in which nursing-care therapy or treat-ment is properly funded and free of charge wherever delivered (as distinct from "hotel" costs), and we need greater consistency in the provision of care and treatment ser-vices in the community. Above all, we need a compre-hensive and bold strategy to Derbyshire SK13 8NE.

A Country Diary

CHILTERNS: It's possible to | past flowering - a rare treat drive straight across the Chil-terns and barely realise you have been there. Guide books usually explain this by liken-ing the region's topography to a clenched fist, facing west. The gaps through which the few rivers and major roads run are represented by the lines between the knuckles and the fingers. Staying with anatomical similes, you anatomical similes, you might get closer by imagining a worn skeleton's hand, or even overlain rows of her-ringbones, so eroded are the main ridges by labryinths of guilies, combes and dry val-leys, cut off from each other and barely visible from the roads. With a whole October day to walk in I decided to go combe-combing between Skinnative, the large-leaved lime, with its smooth grey poles and finely hairy leaves: Fawcombe-combing between Skir-mett and Assendon. The combe-combing between Skir-mett and Assendon. The Hambleden valley itself is too wide open and postcard-pretty to count, but turning west from Skirmett I was soon tacking up a steep lane to green and in farm ave-nues, but all of the wild geno-type. Were they perhaps all traceable to truly wild ances-tors (like those on the South soon tacking up a steep lane along the edge of a dry valley. Downs), isolated in these se-All along the bank were comcretive vales for millennia? mon helleborines, only just

to pay for their care. What was it that Major said in Bournemouth about the NHS? Alan Brammall. The Chestnuts, Trader Bank, Sibsey, Boston, Lincs PE22 0UQ.

To add to your correspon-dents' recent sightings of modern bollocks-speak: "bedblocker", a term we shall no doubt continue to hear, to de-scribe people over 75 who pre-sumably monopolise hospital beds because there is no-where for them to be dis-charged to. The Hillingdon Health Trust's simple soli-tion: do not let them in. Roy Merrett.

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And briefly

THE "team" illustrated in the Referendum Party's ad (October 15) looks consid-HE "team" illustrated in erably more competent than the lot we've got at the moment, and more trustworthy. (Cllr) John Woodford. 18 Town Furlong, Appleton.

Oxon OX13 5JW. AST week my nearest multi-ecreen cinema was showing Emma, Jane Eyre and Jude: total age of the scriptwriters, over 500. Is this

a record? John Bull. 97 Gladstone Street, Glossop,

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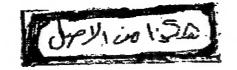
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· Aren outside woods. A long haul through the woods brought me out onto what looked like 1.3. See Section A State of the 214 1 12 an endless arable prairie. But suddenly another gully ap-peared opening wider as it slid down south to Fawley. ----There was yew scrub at the foot, and much vaster wild 24 1- 1-1-1 yews along the banks of a sharper defile that struck 12.00 · Corres back from it at more than ninety degrees. But in the wood at the shared base of these two hidden ravines was 12. something quite special that I'd first chanced on a few years ago, a stand of ancient Coppice stools of that rare 1.0

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kind of him to imply to those who happily inhabit one, two or more rooms in Brixton S⁰ Mr Major claims to be "of the people" because he did not attend a public school. For the vast majority of chilthat there might be something wrong with it. There is certainly room for him here. Simon Berlyn.



AND ALWAYS 1 TOUR CONSCIEN Diary BE YOUR GUIDE Matthew Norman **************** Namusing exchange of views between two of views between two popular actresses develops in Time Out. Last week, the London listings mag quoted Helena Bonham <u>ãQ</u> 27

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Carter saying: "If you're not pretty and you're working class, you have an easier time in terms of people's at-titudes to you." Wise words from Nerbert Asquith's great-granddaughter. On the letters page of the new Time Out, meanwhile, is a thoughtful response from Kathy Burke, the bril-liant and very leftwing ac-fress best known on TV as Waynetta Slob in Harry En-field shows. "As a lifelong member of the non-pretty working classes," writes Miss Burke, "I would like to say to Helena Bonham Carter (wholly pledged member of the very pretty upper-middle classes): shut up you stupid c***. "Miss Burke's agent at first denies any knowledge, but cracks after four seconds and describes the letter as "cool", while Miss Bonham Carter's says:

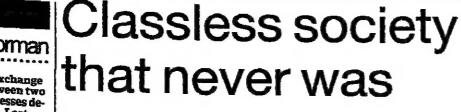
"Oh dear, Helly's a bit fractions at the moment (she's on night shoots). I don't think I'll bring it to ber at-tention". Perhaps not but how nice to note the spirit of the Algonquin Round Table among us again.

SCHISM opens up in the Referendum Party. As founder of a centre-left group for Euro-sceptics. Anne McElvoy of the Spectator was invited to dinner in Brighton this week by Carls Powell. How-

ever, when she saw Miss McElvoy's piece in Mon-day's Telegraph, Lady Powell rang to uninvite her on the grounds that "you are not taking us seriously enough". Miss McElvoy's ostracism was short lived. Within hours, Lord McAlpine had moved in to book her for a rival dinner party on the same night. The piece to which Lady Powell ob-jected, by the way, gently suggested that the RP was more concerned with grand socialising than politics. No wonder she was so cross.

OES anyone have any idea what's become of Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen?

Nanother lurch up-market, Kelvin McKenzle's Live TV has made a foray into political reporting, sending Helen Gibson to the conferences to grab interviews with party leaders and other senior figures. The one twist was that Miss Gibson wore very little but a tiny camera concealed in her breasts. Anyone keen to learn "who just couldn't resist a sneak peek" (according to one Live employee, no one you've ever heard of) can find out on Thursday at 11.30pm. EHE entertaining career of Paul Flynn as the worst-behaved boy on Labour's back benches may be drawing to a close. The Newport MP was due to speak on the platform of anti-monarchy group Republic at a Conference fringe meeting, but at the last minute had second thoughts. "I'm now in a position where, if I recite the Lord's Prayer," wrote Mr Flynn, by way of apology, "I will be accused by certain spin doctors of putting God above Tony Blair." AM entranced by my friend Andrew Neil's new book, which the Daily Mail is serialising. Ever the foe of self-aggrandisement, Andrew deals with his Christmas Days in Colorado with the family Murdoch and his singlehanded reshaping of the monarchy, with the deftest of touches. Old colleagues from the Economist are equally captivated. "He may be very grand today, but he was different when I knew him," says one. "He had a huge blonde playmate who towered high above him, and after a long day at his keyboard he'd turn to a secretary and say, 'She'd better be on her back when I get home'." Oh, the sweetness. "And now, it's all lunches with Diana and Christmas charades with Rupert. Isn't it lovely to see how he's come on?"



Commentary Catherine Bennett

"classless mediocrity". But Daily Telegraph readers should not repine. Major's record on class is unimpeach-able: far from dissolving the boundaries, he has en-OW seriously should we take John Major's recent expressions of sympathy with Class indignation may be authen-tic, but it will not be trans-War? Does he consider his target C4s so dimwitted that lated into revolutionary action. In his sublime piece of none will compute the num-ber of old-school ties in his not offering to assuage class distinctions, merely animat-ing them. Naturally he exag-gerated for effect, claiming to have left school early because of narental hardshin Back in own party? Or, now that the next election is becoming a straight, man-to-man contest

straight, man-to-man contest with Tony Blair, is he, con-ceivably, being genuine? After all, Major has cause to detest the owners of old-school ties. They are the people who teased him for saying "wunt", who patron-ised him in print, whose spig-eers were reported back to his gers were reported back to his "I heard that someone said the only way we'd have got to Number 10 previously was as bottler and parlour-maid," Norma Major said recently, winning rather more sympathy than her hus-band, with his clumsy at-

of parental hardship. Back in 1990, he said the decision was his own free choice. Even then, in his campaign to become party leader, the Brixton and trapeze-artist associations proved most effective. "He has tasted life in a terraced house in a dreary suburb," exulted The cott Sun. "He has even known un-

tempt to outdo Monty Py-thon's Yorkshiremen. Well, it ness would thrive: "a society may strike a chord with cer-tain Sierra owners, but this wonderful *volte face* in Tory people will fulfil will depend

side employment." In his early speeches, Major spoke sweetly of a "society" (an entity previously denied by Mrs Thatcher) in which classless-

old-school-tie-owners he sup-As we know, all this has posedly represents, such as the "incensed" old Fettesian Daily Telegraph reader who wrote in to protest against Major's implied plans for turned out to be the purest piffle. Unless there is some thing meaningful in the elevation of a few more lollipop ladles, Britain remains as

attitudes towards privilege upon their talent, their appli-and private education can cation and their good for-

tune"

and private education can scarcely endear Major to the

renched them. His personal

consumed by snobbery and sycophancy as ever. Major and his family have not become emblems of classless-ness, but figures of twerpish, lower-middle-class fun: con-noisseurs of Butlins and garden gnomes, lans of curry din-ners and Little Chefs. The bereditary peerage is equally unchanged, safe in Major's clothes, furnishings, food, gardens, houses and holidays. obedient, underprivileged hands. Reform of the House of Lords he has dismissed as "spiteful, thoughtless irrele-vance". As for talent: the pointless but hugely posh Nicholas Soames is not merely given a job, but ap-plauded for his wittlcism,

Another large gin and tonic Glovanni, if you please", ut-tered every time John Presrises to speak. What would Soames shout at Major, were they not on the same Like his equally lowly pre-

decessor, Mrs Thatcher. Major has continued to nurture private education, to concentrate wealth, and to riority of the public-school restrict the opportunities of presence."

members of the middle classes. Major's latest wheeze the abolition of inheritance tax — is equally unlikely to transform the prospects of Sierra man. Britain remains, as surely as it was in Orwell's day, "the his own philanthropy and its half-baked execution? He most class-ridden country under the sun". If it is no longer, as Orwell charged, run by the "old and silly", it is simply run by a different class, the wealthy and prithey will simply be replaced by a new class of ermined Great and Good, who will, like all their predecessors, go vately educated, and organative on appointment. Again, Blair has "no plans" to nised under different tags and stratifications: Sierra Man, Isevict the monarchy. He borlington Man, Worcester Wom an, the Cis. Such is the aston rows George Walden's phrase 'educational apartheid" to ishing resilience of the class deplore the greatest and system that it simply absorbs growing source of British class division - then substinewcomers, teaches them the rules and regulations, and sends them forth to perpetu-ate snobbery, straight or in-verted, in the next generatutes one of his ditzy dream scapes for a solution: "There should be zero tolerance of failure in Britain's schools." tion. Even if their parents And then, of course, Blain were untutored in the nice-ties, pupils at public schools and Oxbridge rapidly absorb uses the word "chippy". This is the word invariably used by the ruling classes to dethe correct mannerisms. flate their critics. It's what Prince Edward said last year, when he was kind enough to learn to tell the appropriate from the embarrassing in

expose the class structure as jealous codswallop: "There's a chippiness, which is so HAT these children What use above all, is a kind of impervious sad . The spectacle of the Tory Prime Minister accusing the self-confidence. George Or-well identified that familiar, Labour leader of privilege may be the ulumate, risible conse cultivated note of "fatuous self-confidence", and no mat-ter how scruffily he dressed, quence of crude power-seek-ing but it also illustrates the enduring determinism of nor how ostentatiously he slurped his tea from a saucer, social class, the fact that each man's education means more he could not conceal it in him-self. Jack Common, who Berthan party affiliation. Major will never be anything other nard Crick describes as one of than naff and awkward. Blair's England's few "authentic pro-letarian writers", recalled self-worth is unassailable. The one similarity is that meeting a shabby, ravaged-looking Orwell: "A sheep in neither has any plans for change. Their attitude to the wolf's clothing, I thought, tak-ing in the height and stance, accent and cool, in-built supeclass system remains that of

the Countess of Rosse, as recorded by Evelyn Waugh in his diaries. She was taken to ee a turf cabin, "where a children of the ignorant and It is a quality as glaringly crone sat in pig dung smoking poor. The Assisted Places absent in Major as it is con-Scheme, for instance, has spicuous in Blair. Where, if conf. 'My dear, don't change a chiefly benefited the cannier not at public school, did Blair thing. It's simply you!'

> lowed, would have done us mission, incidentally, has a same as Bolderwood AOD, and at least five divisions up in the league of national very modest role in the first two, a detail that is conveniently omitted), Britain is thoroughfares. Out in the maximising its influence on world events, catching inter-Bois de Vincennes, there's a point near the Carrefour de la national criminals and selling Conservation where the exports more effectively by cooperating with its Euro-pean neighbours. To the mu-seum-curator that is a sell-Route de Ceinture du Lac Daumesnii (29) almost collides with the Avenue du Maréchal de Lattre de Tassigny (34 again). Try match-ing that in Hampshire! One reason for this polysylout; to the realist it is an astute defence of British interests in a rapidly changing lability is that the French do vorld.

There is simply no truth in the view that the British economy is run for Europe's benefit, with Brussels increasing our taxes and lowering our incomes. Brussels does not determine our tax rates or incomes, and almost all Euro-legislation emerging these days is geared to removing barriers to exports and investment abroad, rather

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9 acquire the Baden-Powellish sense of certainty which al-lows him to preach morals to his inferiors? What, if not Fettes and Oxford, is responin the half baked execution: he may, for example, want to banish hereditary peers, but that will cimply be replaced



HE MOST common

street name in Britain today is High Street, fol-

lowed by Station Road, Lon-don Road and Church Road.

The shortest are Cob, near Okehampton, Devon, and

and Mrs Stride.

closes, a court, a crescent, a road, a square and a walk, but not one has a forename to help you identify who is being saluted. John Bright Street, yes: but he only gets in be-cause both his names were monosyllable. Two years ago, the council at Midsomer Nor-ton wanted to call a name ton wanted to call a new street Reg Jones Close, after a local worthy, recently dead at 90. The people buying houses there wouldn't have it: they wanted Wellow Brook Meadow. Jones Close might have made it: the Reg was the killer. In Mangotsfield, Bris-tol. developers dashingly chose the names Wallace Walk and Gromit Grove, in

honour of the Bristolian animator Nick Park, The locals

Rye, near Bridgwater, Somer-set. And the longest, according to computer analysis of nearly 1.5 million navigable would not wear that either. Where in continental roads known to the Ordnance Europe the naming of streets Survey, is Bolderwood Arbo-return Ornamental Drive, in is seen as an opportunity, in Britain it's been more like a the New Forest. This road, we are told, is two-and-a-half chore. Take those ranks upon ranks of working-class streets run up in the Industrial Revo-lution. If you drove out of miles long and harbours only one house, occupied by a Mr Leeds on Harehills Road (no I find this surprising, and sad. It shows how reluctant doubt it is different now) you passed to the east nine Bays-waters, three Elfords, three we are in this country to commemorate our civic, mili-Bansteads, two Lascelles and tary and ecclesiastic dignione Back Lascelles (for many Leeds streets had duplicate taries with the pride that is names behind them: Carter common abroad. Some cities, it's true, are even more aus-Terrace at the front of your bouse, Back Carter Terrace at tere than our own, like New York, with its numbers (Fifth the end of the garden).

Avenue, 42nd Street), or Ma-Builders stuck for names nagua, which has no street names at all. used their own, or picked on some relative, and then multi-But in continental Europe, plied the names across se eral streets. Thus in Leeds there's an Ida View and an names of Bolderwoodian length and complexity are Ada View and an Elsie View, regarded as commonplace. Look at a map of Paris, for instance, and you'll spot along with a Pasture View and a Pleasant View (which to judge by the map probably wasn't). There is (or was) a within seconds the place de résistance (as opposed to the Place de la Résistance) — Neville Approach and a Nev-Boulevard de la Madeleine des Capucines: 34 letters, the ille Avenue, Close, Crescent, Garth, Grove, Mount, Parade, Place, Road, Row, Street, Terrace, View and Walk.

VEN when developers used their imagination the results were often workaday: Accommodation Road; Domestic Street; Industrial Street — and, perhaps more surprisingly, Privilege Street. Later the treatment of streets in the leafy suburbs was equally formulaic: Acacia Avenue, the Beeches, Meadow Valley. (Why, by the not flinch, as we do, from honouring their heroes in full. Not for them a mers Rue way, do acacias mean so much to developers, and so little to poets?) There used to be a place in Leeds called Hark to Rover, after a dog which once barked there, but that's gone from my map; renamed, no doubt, by the house agents something like Belvedere Mews.

Perhaps if and when we Clemencsau Street Nor do they even downgrade the

Don't believe Sir James Goldsmith's fictions, warns Leon Brittan: his newspaper ad asserting that Brussels runs Britain is a dangerous distortion

i in the hands of British and ONOURED though I and my 19 Commission where they belong. The Com-colleagues may mission's job is to put forhave been to be considered members of the ward proposals that can be taken up or overturned by the British Government, the British and other Europe governments (as they often are), to execute the common newspaper advertisement from Sir James Goldsmith instructions of those governvesterday paints a dangerments, and to enforce the treaties agreed unanimously ously distorted picture of the role and powers that the Commission exercises. It was all the more startling to see such

'defeats" at the hands of foreign judges, paraded publicly in the British press, lies a far greater number of cases where Britain has either won or the Court has ruled that Europe should keep its hands off the issue. Court rulings have helped Jaguar to sell cars in Italy and Sotheby's to hold auctions in France, as well as boosting sales of lem-onade to Greece and chewing gum to Spain, to cite some of the more colourful examples But the real needs of British business are often overlooked in the myopic debate about British sovereignty. Those who adopt the mu-

Not guilty, Sir James

ment, then I'm Sir James Goldsmith. As for the Euroimmense harm. Had such a pean Court of Justice: behind the steady stream of British path been pursued over the last 20 years, we would have had no influence over the Common Market, no say in Europe's dealings with America and other world partners, and no chance to reform key European policies (such as agriculture) which will affect our daily lives whether we are in or out. And those who argue that Britain is powerless to reform Europe from within are defeatist. Most of the experience of the last 20 years points the other way. If seven years on the inside had convinced me

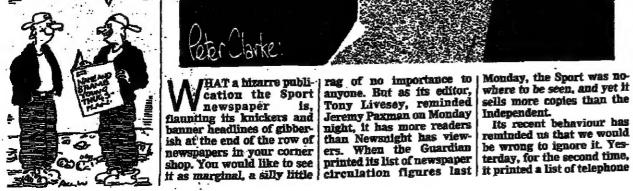
Britain was being rolled into a European super-state, I would be firmly opposed to the whole project. It has not. The purpose of keeping Brit-ain at the heart of Europe is to do exactly what the Refer-

by heads of state (including Britain's). In the few areas where the Commission has seum-curator's view of national sovereignty — that it must be kept absolutely intact fiction presented among the act alo news pages of several repu-table British dailies. To imply that the European Commission is in any way it has greatly helped British in its original form rather usage — will argue that any protocommission is in any way it has greatly helped British in the communication of the protocommunication is in any way it has greatly helped British is protocommunication of the protocommunication is in any way it has greatly helped British is protocommunication of the protocommunication is protocommunication of the protocommunication is protocommunication table British dailies. Commission is in any way it has greatly helped British usage — will argue that any akin to, or as powerful as, the companies by forcing their pooling of power with Brit akin to, or as powerful as, the companies by forcing their pooling of power with Brit-British Government is as in-sulting to Westminster as it is fair on the European market, amounts to the creation of a reins of power within the European Union rest firmly replacing the British Govern-in and in my view that, if fol-

sible for his obvious faith in

HE Book Club of Ireland offers many bar-gains in its new catalogue, among them £5 off Before The Dawn by Gerry Adams. Also reduced by a fiver is the book pictured next to it on the page, in-credible Explosions.

I'M GOING TO CHANCE MY NAME TO MICHAEL HOMARD.



Peter Clarke

endum Party purports to adthan the other way round. vocate: "to remain a free and independent nation working with our European partners

This gives the British Gov-ernment and business the chance to cut taxes, raise incomes and create jobs. Sir Leon Britten is Vice-President of the European Commission

double- or triple-barrelled (Avenue Myron Timothy Her-rick; Rue Louis Pasteur Vallery Radot). Why, they even accommodate the occasional couple, as in Avenue Emile et Armand Massard. Contrast Birmingham, the city of the Chamberlains, comes, Bolderwood Arbore-

Debussy: only Rue Claude De-bussy will do. The French do

not stint on titles: it's the

Avenue du Professeur André

Lemierre and the Rue du Doc-

teur Jacquemaire-Clemen-

ceau, not just Lemierre or

Europe, we'll approach these matters less puritanically. Bradford will sprout a Boulevard Alderman Stafford He ginbotham (36 letters); or Glasgow, a Henry and Charlotte Campbell-Bannerman Joseph, Austen and Neville. tum Ornamental Drive will There are two Chamberlain need to look to its laurels.

Natasha Walter calls for the 'newspaper' that exploits violence | numbers for four women in | me, jury told", about a gam-against women to be hoisted on to the top shelves in newsagents | bar, or what is now more | alongside news of a "raven-The sport of misogyny

Independent.

Its recent behaviour has

reminded us that we would

fashionably called a laphaired beauty" threatened dancing club. The club faces a ban on stripping be-cause of the actions of the with a knife. The publication is a graphic reminder of the underbelly of modern sexucomplainants, three of whom are local councillors. ality, of the fact that women are still straggling for equality in a country in which a million men every Whether or not you support their campaign, spare a thought for the women now. Their telephones have day want to read about been blocked by callers their abuse. It belongs not with the newspapers, but keen to harass them and inform them, proudly, that they are Sport readers. If the Sport were really a with the pornography. **Previous** attempts to

move the publication on to the top shelf have failed. newspaper, the Press Com-plaints Commission would Although the Home Office has recommended to the National Federation of deliver a stern rebuke, ad-vertisers would withdraw, Retail Newsagents that it should advise newsagents writers and stars would turn their backs in disgust. But the Sport doesn't need to class it as pornography, the Sport's publishers have warned the federation that to worry about any such reactions from Fleet Street, if it does so it could face legal action under restricbecause it lives on another street, in another city altogether. Above all, it is tive-trade laws_ buoyed up by its own adver-tising, from telephone sex Bon to the top shelf is not censorship. It

does not involve pros be part of the club, the club ing the paper or demanding The Sport sits with the newspapers in your corner that it change its content. The Sport can be allowed to shop, but it bears no rela-tion to the other newsgo on saying what it says, and doing what it does, but in a place that is less calcu-lated to offend people who oh sure, you may say, but who cares? We're all liberloathe it and everything it ated now. Yes; but this is pornography of a rather difstands for. Above all, it would show that we are not ferent kind from the maga-zines on the top shelf. The women in its pictures usu-ally get to keep their G-strings on, but the message prepared to accept the idea that the abuse of women is so mainstream that we can happily call it "sport", and see children laughing over they are used to convey is it as they buy their ice-

creams. The British do have strange attitudes to sex Teenage girls' magazines terday's issue included that provide sex education

one night", and left with love on television; women are not allowed to dream over a picture of an erect penis. And yet we accept that a publication mainly tale of "a stunning call that a publication mainly girl" forced "to perform dedicated to the abuse of newspapers in your corner ers. When the Guardian be wrong to ignore it. Yes-shop. You would like to see printed its list of newspaper it printed a list of telephone "She loved having it with Does it have to be like this?" battery

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lines and escort agencies. Because it has no desire to cannot hurt it. not funny or giggly.

The Sport fills page after page with stories of vio-ience against women. Yes-

"Blonde's love bite terror" are rebuked by MPs; Brit-the tale of a "busty ish adults are not allowed blonde raped three times in to watch people making bite marks all over her body; "Call girl sex ordeal over a kitchen sink", the

10 OBITUARIES

Henri Nannen

Hoaxed by Hitler

tor of the weekly nagazine Stern, Henri Nannen, who has died aged 82, was one of post-war Ger-many's most influential journalists. Under his editorship, which lasted more than 30 years, Stern became the most successful magazine of its kind in Europe, blending pop-ular human interest features with serious political analysis to become, with the other Hamburg weekly Der Spiegel, the most important outpost of liberal values within Germany's mainly conservative

"If I want to preach, the church must be full," was Nannen's motto when he founded Stern in 1948. Known to his colleagues as Sir Henry, on account of his auto-cratic style, Nannen was the ultimate hands-on editor, often writing the magazine's biggest stories himself.

Although he described himself as half-educated in comparison with the erudite editors of Der Spiegel and Die Zeit, he had an unrivalled instinct for news, sometimes creating headlines in his own right. Thus, when a 15th-century art work by Tilman Riemenschneider was stolen and Warsaw, and Stern be-

Jack Pepys

S FOUNDING edi- from a German museum in came one of the most power tor of the weekly 1962, Nannen offered to pay ful advocates of the new pol-1962, Nannen offered to pay the thieves DM100,000 for its safe return. When the work was sent back to the museum, Nannen kept his word and refused to divulge

> the police. Born in the East Freslan town of Emden, Nannen studied art history at Munich University, nurturing an interest in art that was to remain with him all his life. While at the university, he wrote articles for a number of National Socialist magazines, even praising Hitler's primitive views on art. As a soldier

> in the second world war, he wrote frontline reports and, in 1946, co-founded a news-paper in Hanover. Stern began as a youth magazine called Zickzack in 1948, but Nannen soon sold his share of the company to concentrate on editing the magazine.

The high point of Nannen's journalistic career came in the late 1960s when the Social Democrat chancellor Willy Brandt embarked on his pol icy of Ostpolitik, easing rela-tions with the communist countries of eastern Europe.

icy, which was vigorously op-posed by the newspapers owned by the rightwing press baron Axel Springer. Nannen's campaigns target

ed the church and the courts, as well as politicians, and the perpetrators' identity to cover stories with headline such as "I had an abortion" instigated important public debates in Germany. The pub-lication of the transcript of a telephone conversation be-tween Helmut Kohl and one of his rivals within the Christian Democrats led Nannen into trouble with the press complaints commission. But

he regained public favour soon afterwards when his magazine's appeal for help for famine victims in Ethiopia raised more than DM20 million in a few months. When Nannen retired as editor in 1960, Stern was rid-ing high, both in terms of

circulation and in the eyes of its peers. But three years later, on April 25, 1983, the magazine published the noto-rious "Hitler diaries", falling victim to the most spectacular hoax in post-war newspaper history. The forgeries which also fooled Rupert Murdoch's Times Newspapers and the historian Lord

with headlines

blow to Stern's reputation in Germany. Rival journalists, who had endured the arrogant air of omnipotence that Nannen instilled in his jour nalists, now gloated at the agazine's embarrassment Many blamed Nannen for encouraging an appetite for sensationalism within the magazine, while others murnured that the disaster could have been averted if Sir Henry had groomed a worthy Nannen, who was still beir. on the editorial board, accepted some of the blame saying that he had drifted too

Star struck . . . Stern magazine provided the high and low points of Henri Nannen's career Dacre, dealt an almost fatal | far away from the running of | through a foundation he set up in his own name. His own the magazine to intervene in collection of works by such painters as Emil Nolde, Ernsttime.

Gruener and Jahr, the pub Ludwig Kirchner and Oskar lishing house that owns Stern, named their journal-Kokoschka are among the main attractions at the ism school in Hamburg after Nannen, but the Hitler dia-ries fiasco robbed the old edimuseum, which has one of Germany's finest collections of Expressionist art. tor of his enthusiasm for the Nannen died a few days before the 10th anniversary of news business. He returned to his home town of Emden and the museum's opening. devoted the last 10 years of his life to creating an art museum with an adjoining Denis Staunton

school. Henri Nannen, journalist, born December 25, 1913; died Octo-Namen himself provided part of the capital to build the museum and raised the rest ber 13, 1996

The Guardian Wednesday October 16 1996

Betty Gathergood At home with Dr Johnson

NE weekend last treasures before incendiaries July, I had to ring and firemen's hoses took their Betty Gathergood at toll. The Daily Mirror build-July, I had to ring Betty Gathergood at her Windsor home. ing's basement was sometimes shelter for sodden and sloged During the course of a lengthy conversation she made a slip. She said she was "going home on Monday". She meant that she was returning to Dr John-son's House in Gongh Square, just off Fleet Street. The house mother and daughter; a strongroom in a sub-basement of the Evening News was seenrity for the treasures. Betty's grandmother died in. 1941. But Betty fall in love with one of the firemen, Rd-ward Gathergood, and was married in April 1942 in the in which Dr Johnson com-piled his famous 1755 Dictionary. The house where Betty, who has died aged 80, was curator, where she had City's oldest church. St Bar-tholomew the Great. She was carried over the threshold of Dr Johnson's House. There spent much of her childhood, where she was married, and where she celebrated her last was no doubt that Dr Johnson's only remaining London

birthday. Betty was the third generaresidence was saved from des-iruction as a result of that tion of her family to become curator at the house. Her extra interest the firemen had in it. But June 1944 was to. grandmother, Isabella Dyble, mark the end of the club. moved into the new curator's "lodge" in 1912; her mother. Damage from a VI flying bomb made the house unsafe; but Phyllis Rowell, succeeded her, not before American and Caand Betty took over in 1993 from Margaret Eliot: nadian soldiers had been made equally welcome. Betty's father was an aero-In the early 1990s the house and the lodge became the focus of feverish restoration lane engineer who died soon after his arrival in the United

States. So his wife returned to England in 1919 with threeyear-old Betty to live with her mother in Gough Square. Betty loved the place. Her playroom was Dr Johnson's parlour, containing the pow-der closet, a deep and wide cupboard where wigs were powdered and stored. It was at Gough Square that she was to meet many of the great literary figures of the day, not least the publisher Michael Joseph, who was to add a silver-tipped tabby cat to the assortment of cats, dogs and rabbit that the family kept in their tiny two-bedroomed lodge. A very fine cat, Sir! Doubtless Dr Johnson have approved. And it was here that Betty picked up a wealth of stories from the fam-

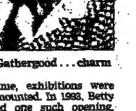
ous visitors who were to be-come her friends; as she did from her mother, a mine of information to visitors. On the day, war was de-clared, Betty and her mother were walking along Pember-ton Row, beside the house, when they noticed several members of the Auxiliary Fire Service standing disconsolately on the steps of a large office building. They were invited in for coffee. That was the start of an auxiliary firemen's "club". Some of the firemen were members of the London Symphony Orchestra, and provided fine concerts

there in those dark days while cious American food parcels. Three times the house was Bertha (Betty) Phyllis Gathergood, curator, born February 18, 1916; died September 25, 1996 nearly destroyed, but Betty and her mother removed the

activity. Meanwhile,

attended one such opening, following the sudden death of Margaret Eliot. She asked me if there was anything she could do to help; and amid all the dust, noise and disruption of the various workings, she took over the curatorship. The war years had hard-ened her to adversity and inconvenience. She was no longer a 19-year-old, but with typical spirit she set to work, and visitors succumbed to her magnetism and charm. In no time, the house had become a sparkling and happy place. Betty had come home.

Betty Gathergood . . . charm first time, exhibitions were being mounted. In 1993, Betty



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ACK Pepys, who has fication of its cause showed died aged 82, trans-formed allergy from the way to prevent the disease. Applying similar meth-ods, he demonstrated the imformed allergy from being regarded as a barely respectable subject of research into one based on firm scientific foundations. He appreciated before his contemporaries the importance of allergy as the basis of a wide spectrum of lung discusses and was professor of clinical imumigatus

Mouldy hay and

other allergies

munology at the National Heart and Lung Institute and Brompton Hospital between 1967 and 1979. He was born in Johannes-

burg, and qualified in medicine at the University of Witwatersrand. After 14 years in general practice in South Af-

munological basis of allergic bronchopulmonary aspergil-losis — a lung disease he showed was due to a previously unrecognised pattern of immunological reaction to an inhaled mould, aspergillus In the early 1970s he turned his attention to occupational asthma caused by allergy to agents inhaled at work. He developed the inhalation testing techniques which remain the gold standard for diagno-sis. He described many of the

important causes, including

low molecular weight chemi

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rica, he moved with his family to London in 1948 and soon after started work as a clinical assistant at the Brompton Hospital. He set up an allergy clinic and, subsequently, Brit-ain's first clinical immunology academic department with particular interest in allergic diseases. Acquiring lab-oratory facilities at the associated Institute of Disease of the Chest, he then set about understanding the immuno-logical basis of the allergic respiratory diseases among patients referred to him. The studies would bring him international renown.

His first success came with understanding the cause of farmer's lung, which had been correctly associated with mouldy hay since the 1930s, but the cause of the disease was unclear and an Applying the techniques of the developing science of im-munology — particularly methods to separate proteins and identify precipitating antibodies in serum - Jack identified the needle in the haystack: a fungus, micropoly spora faeni, was the cause of the disease.

His discovery enabled recognition of a new group of allergic diseases which involved the air sacs (alveoli) in the lungs — so-called extrin-sic allergic alvelitis, of which farmer's lung is the proto-type; several others, including bird fancier's lung, were subsequently identified. His test for farmer's lung pro-vided a diagnostic tool; identi-



reaction to the chemical. Pepys was committed to the development of clinical al lergy in Britain. In 1971 he founded and was the first editor of the journal Clinical Allergy, now Clinical & Experimental Allergy, in which the results of many of his investigations were published. His contributions to clinical immunology and allergy were

internationally recognised with honours and awards, and he attracted doctors from Europe, Australasia and North America to work in his department. He also taught many students who now occupy senior positions around the world.

E WAS a prolific and clear writer, and a wonderful speaker. His annual Christmas lecture at the Brompton was a masterly. often hilarious, review of the institution's progress. Jack Pepys, above all. took pleasure and pride in his family and their achievements his wife Rhoda and daughter Sandra, both gifted artists, and his son Mark, professor

of immunological medicine at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, all survive him. Anthony Newman Taylor

Jack Pepys, immunologist, born



Bathing beanty . . . Lanra La Plante as the bubbly heroine of the 1927 film The Love Thrill PHOTOGRAPH KOBAL COLLECTION

Laura La Plante

Silent comedy in the boudoir

1920s were Lon Chaney, Priscilla Dean, Herbert Rawlinson, (1925) and The Teaser (1925). Reginald Denny and Laura La The last was directed by former Keystone Kop, William A Seiter, whom La Plante mar-ried in 1926. Seiter also direc-ted her in *The Fast Worker* Plante, who has died aged 91. Of these, only Chaney is still widely remembered, but La Plante was one of the most delightful comediennes of the (1924) and Skinner's Dress Suit silent movie era. She was 15 when Al Chris-

(1926), both co-starring the asi-nine British farceur Reginald tie, who rivalled Mack Sennett and Hal Roach with his two-Denny. In The Beautiful Cheat (1926), La Plante displayed her reelers, took her on as a comic flair as a pretty shopgirl comedy bathing girl. It was there that she learned that life was a custard pie in the face. called Mary Callahan, made over by a press agent into Muritza Callahansky, a Rus-Following a stint at Fox, dur-ing which she played opposite sian actress and owner of the crown jewels. Ironically, her most famous Tom Mix in Big Town Round-

up (1921), she signed with Universal, where she remained for nine years. Strong willed, cheeky and The Cat and the Canary (1927), German director Paul Leni's sporting a blonde bob, she first Hollywood film.

Although she described Unidemonstrated a light comic touch even when cast as cowversal's new sound stages as a boy Hoot Gibson's patient sweetheart in half a dozen chamber of horrors, she had little trouble adapting to the sagebrush sagas. But she soon

HE top stars at Univer-sal Pictures in the comedies with titillating titles 1920s were Lon such as The Dangerous Blonde Chaney, Priscilla (1924), Smouldering Fires Magnolia in the first of three Jr, who was broke at the time screen adaptations of the Jerome Kern-Oscar Hammer stein musical Shouboat. which was filmed as a silent, with songs and dialogue awk-wardly added later. La Plante, wearing her hair short and dark, had her songs dubbed by Eva Olivetti.

Captain of the Guard (1930), a mediocre musical set during the French revolution, finally convinced La Plante to leave Universal, which she did during preparations for a William Wyler film called The Storm. In 1932, equally disenchanted

Ironically, her most famous role was in the classic haunted-house melodrama with her marriage to Seiter, she mysteriously chose to travel to Riga in Latvia, rather than Reno in Nevada, to ob tain a rapid divorce. In 1934, she married Irving

Asher, head of Warner Brothers operation in Britain. Asher had been sent to Ted-dington Studios to turn out 20 talkies. She made her sound films a year under the quota

due to the collapse of his own film company. However, the insubstantial romantic comedy never got an Ameri-can release, because Warners had a bar on importing British quickies.

Back in Hollywood, La Plante was briefly considered by MGM to take over from Myrna Loy in the Thin Man series, but she only managed two further film roles, both as matriarchs, one in a Butch Jenkins movie called Little Mr Jim (1946), and the other as Betty Hutton's mother in Spring Reunion (1957).

Laura La Plante died in the Motion Picture Fund retire ment home, surrounded by her beers.

Ronald Bergan

aura La Plante, screen actress born November 1, 1904; died October 14, 1996 vative MP, 37.

Death Notices

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Terry Griffiths, former world snooker champion, 49; Angela Lansbury, actress, 71; Sir Peter Large, chair-

man, Joint Committee on Mobility for Disabled People, 65; Lord (Murray) Mac-Lehose of Beoch, former governor, Hong Kong, 79; Stuart MacLeod, fashion

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designer, 37; Hugh Mac-Millan, chief constable, NIGHTINGALE. Deerest jo three years without your smile. Loved and missed so much. Northern Constabulary, 64 Margaret Nabarro, musi-

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William Webb, conductor and artistic director, 49; John Whittingdale, Conser-To place your announcement tele 0171 713 4567, Fax 0171 713 4129,

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Bogus banter

Quantum Bogodynamics: A theory that characterises the universe in terms of bogon sources (such as politicians, used-car salesmen, TV evan-gelists, and suits in general), bogon sinks (such as tax-payers and computers), and bogosity potential fields. Bogon absorption causes human beings to behave mindlessly and machines to fail (and may also cause both to emit secondary bogons); however, the precise mechanics of boson-computron interaction are not yet understood. Quantum bogodynamics is most often invoked to explain the sharp increase in hardthe presence of suits; the latter emit bogons, which the forbehaviour of sult-wearers. mer absorb. Bogon /boh'gon/ [by analogy with proton/electron/neu-tron, but doubtless reinforced Bogometer: A notional instrument for measuring bogo sity. Compare the "wankometer" described in the after 1980 by the similarity to Douglas Adams's "Vogons"] 1. The elementary particle of wank entry. Bogon filter: Any device, bogosity (see quantum bogo-dynamics). For instance, "the software or hardware, that limits or suppresses the flow and/or emission of bogons. Ethernet is emitting bogons "Engineering hacked a bogon filter between the Cray and again" means that it is broken or acting in an erratic or the VAXen, and now we're getting fewer dropped pack-ets." See also bogosity, bogus. Bogosity: The degree to ogus fashion. bogus tashion. 2. A query packet sent from a TCP/IP domain resolver to a root server, having the reply bit set instead of the query bit which something is bogus. At 3. Any bogus or incorrectly formed packet sent on a network 4. A person who is bogus or who says bogus things. This was historically the original usage, but has been overtaken by Its derivative senses. See also bogosity, bogus; compare psyton, fat electrons, magic smoke.

which something is togus. At CMU, bogosity is measured with a bogometer, in a semi-nar, when a speaker says something bogus, a listener might raise his hand and say, "My bogometer just triggered." triggered." Bogue out: To become bogus, suddenly and unexpectedly. "His talk was relatively sane until somebody asked bim a trick question; then he bogued Suit: Ugly and uncomfortable "business clothing" often worn by non-hackers. Invariout and did nothing but flame afterwards."

ware and software failures in cuts off the blood supply to the the presence of suits; the latter | brain. It is thought that this

explains much about the

A bogus quote from the Free Online Dictionary of Computably worn with a "tie", a stran gulation device that partially

ing at http://wombat. doc.ic.ac.uk/ Thanks to Andy Stout Crime cock-up TWO MEN held up a petrol station in Chorlton, Manche ter, in July 1991. They were armed with a tin of carrots, which they threatened to throw at the cashier, and escaped with over £300. October 1994 saw the theft of a nice unobtrusive little motor in Birmingham: unobtrusive, that is, apart from the eight-foot tall hedgehog on top. Owner John Davies, who used the car to advertise a children's centre, described the thief as either a "blind man or a raving idiot, becaus it's so distinguishable." In August 1995 a burglar tried to force his terrified woman victim to down a spiked drink to keep her quie while he ransacked her house in Kuala Lumpar,

Malaysia. When the hysterical woman refused to touch it. he took a swig to prove that it wasn't poisonous. Police later found him collapsed, still holding her jewels and cash.

snatching handbags to fi-nance his drug addiction ame unstuck in August 1995, when he robbed his own mother by mistake. The wom an was walking along the street in Bari when her son, who didn't see her face until it was too late, sped past on a motorcycle and snatched her bag. Recognising him, his mother was so angry that she reported him to the police. Wildlife experts in Wales,

An Italian who turned to

studying the migratory habstudying the migratory nao-its of a salmon with a micro-chip tagging device attached to its head, were more than a little surprised when it apparently climbed up a river bank and headed across dry land. The eight-pound fish ended up on a kitchen table with three others, when police arrived to arrest Paul Williams, who pleaded guilty

to poaching in March 1994. Farcical felonies from the Fortean Times book of Inept Crimes.

Divine Hugh

IT WASN'T my fault Grant

He should have told me, "Tm Hugh Grant the movie star, don't tell them and I'll talk to you later." Then I would have had all the understanding in the world. But he didn't, Now all I want is an apology, then the video (soft porn "movie" Taken For Granted) and all this roadshow would stop. I wouldn't say I'm exploiting him. The way I see it we both got something out of the deal -now the whole world knows him and the whole

if I have stopped to think about his girlfriend in all of this — they wonder if I hate her. Of course I don't. In fact, I've got Estee Lauder makeup in my purse. I could teach her a few things, though: you aren't getting it at home. I could school her — in fact, I'm writing a book about it, Divine Revelations. If only she'd known a few

Birthdays

heartache could have been saved Divine Brown on Hugh Grant

in the new edition of Arena.

TODAY we can reveal that a black-and-white publication which for 25 years has been purporting to be a newspaper is in fact a gigantic hoax perpetrated on the public by a sinister Australian-born lunatic. It now turns out that, after five minutes of investigation, the Sun has never been a newspaper at all. It is

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world knows me. People ask tures of women in their: underwear accompanied by exhortions to vote Conservative by various clapped-out old hacks. Full story, p94 EX-TORY minister Neil

Hamilton shocked the world yesterday by admitting that he was guilty of openly accepting votes from local con-stituents when he should have been representing affic-ent foreign businessmen. The shocking truth was revealed to one of Hamilton's business associates, who was later quoted as saying: "This is an absolute disgrace! I've always been loyal to the man and I've always gone down to the local cashpoint booth in order that I might exercise my democratic right to bribe an MP. This will be the last time he gets my loot, I can tell vou

News Private Eye style.

Jackdaw wants jewels. E-mail jackdawieguardian.co.uk; fax 0171-713 4366; Jackdaw, The Guardian, 119 Farringdon Road, London ECIR 3ER.

Emily Sheffield

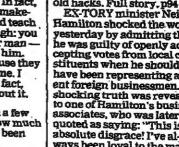
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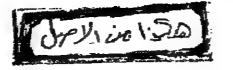
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FinanceGuardian

Barclays piles into cash

that, although it was watch-

BZW goes Global Cent of its portfolio if it was "super-bearish". But Mr Tornlinson insisted while the based products, espec-ially funds designed to as nerves fray

Patrick Docovers City Editor

S FUND managers get nervous about the security of orld stock markets, Barclays Bank yesterday admitted that It now holds up to 5 per cent of the value of its huge £223billion investment portfollo in cash.

ing the market carefully, it had not yet seen "a trigger point" to indicate that markets were on the way down. Despite the decision to inprogramme to consolidate its position as the world's second crease liquidity, he felt that PDFM, the fund managers largest fund manager, dis-closed that since the beginwho recently fuelled widespread controversy with the disclosure that 10 per cent of their holdings are now held in ning of the year it had incash, had been premature in their assessment of markets between 4 and 5 per cent of all Chief executive Lindsay

prospects. The news emerged as Bar clays consolidated its position as a world-ranking fund man ager by announcing the

merger of its BZW Investment Management arm with BZW **Barclays** Global Investors

Merging the two companies under the banner of Barclays Global Investors, will estabmanager is predominantly based on traditional investlish a unified investment strategy to help win new busi ness, said Mr Tomlinson. It nent analytical techniques. Mr Tomlinson, who will take over the role of joint chief executive responsible will create a fund manage ment operation with more for Europe, Japan and Asia, said the bank plans to comthan 1.300 employees based in 22 countries across the world. Mr Tomlinson added that the decision to merge the

niques. The new group will be headed by Fred Grauer, who businesses was based on their conviction that: "The entire is stepping up from chairman of BZW Barclays Global Infund management) business is globalising and getting away from the focus on the restors. Patricia Dunn will be Mr

Tomlinson's counterpart as chief executive for the City of London." He added that there were potential conflicts of interest Americas.

The move looks set to be a when marketing Barclays serintral plank in plans by Barbecause the San Fran

clays chief executive Martin Taylor to link the fund man seement and retail banking "track" stock market indexes. By contrast, the London fund oser with the commercia and investment banking

operations. The new group will be headquartered in San Francisco although this will have no im-pact on the legal and fiscal implications for funds managed out of London.

The group's new chairman, Mr Grauer, added: "We are bine these investment techforming Barclays Global In-vestors to enable us to be more effective in achieving our shared vision of providing what our clients want:

reliable investment performance, the convenience of dealing with a single global firm, and the benefits of our increased scale of opera

are endangered

in the Far East.

Notebook

eyes beyond the party confer-ence horizon. And the next big date is November 26 -**Budget Day**

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Already the Chancellor's mailbag is filling, with sub-missions and suggestions from all quarters. The latest is the regular letter from the governor of the Bank of Eng-land, Eddie George.

This year Mr George warns Kenneth Clarke to resist the pressure from his back benches for deep cuts in in-come tax, and concentrate instead on reducing borrowing. There is plenty of evidence from elsewhere to back the Bank's view; the latest Institute for Fiscal Studies and Goldman Sachs forecast is for public borrowing to hit 226.2 billion in the year 1996-97, against the \$22.4 billion predicted in last year's

Budget All of which, of course, is OWD.

As he brings this year's public spending round to a close, Mr Clarke can point to right-wing spending ministers, who are always the most attached to their budgets.

"Of course," the Chancellor will be saying in meetings, "we could give all this money away in tax cuts and still spend loads on roads and chools. But then I'd have to put up interest rates, and mortgage rates would soon follow. How do you reckon

Even though this could be his last Budget. Mr Clarke remains the consummate politician, and is almost certain

downgrading the loan book of Standard Chartered sent the oank's shares sharply down-

wards, until Cazenove pointed out it was the downturn in the egion, not problems in Standard Chartered's loan book which were highlighted. Nevertheless, there is a great deal of sensitivity in the

Edited by Alex Brummer

East Asian tigers

MONG the reasons the richest industrial countries have been so anxious to double the IMF's emergency credit lines to \$50 billion is that a new Mexicanstyle crisis is feared, this time

The upsurge in the Pacific economies has stimulated enormous private sector capi-tal flows, which have been substituted for domestic sav-

ing, potentially leading to an unstable financial situation. extraordinarily helpful to the Chancellor — which is why The question has been which Asian tiger would be Treasury spin-controllers were at pains last night to stress just how close the gov-Certainly, the situation in ernor's views were to their Thailand is starting to look

the Bank's advice as he takes the knife to the cash piles of

that would go down in your constituency?"

to get his way.

Water wonder

AN BYATT'S decision to have another look at the price curbs on the water industry is welcome though somewhat late. His original price regime, announced in

erous to the water companies.

Shares soared after it was

announced, and the boards of

many water companies then

went on to prove how effec-

tively they had pulled the wool over his eyes by making

This is obviously not a new

Brewer is big cheese after bidding £90m

HITBREAD poised to take over the Pizzaland restaurant chain owner, Brightreasons, in a deal which will net the management, led by the former boss of Mecca Leisure, Michael Guthrie, about £15 million. The brewing firm is

Paul Murphy

thought to have offered about 290 million for the 180-branch group, which also includes the Bella Pasta and Pizza Pizza res-taurants. It is believed to be Britain's largest privately

al ala the first domino to fall. dicey. The finance minister, Bodi Chunnananda, has resigned amid slumping investor confidence and shrinking demand in key sectors, including construction, property and finance — all symbols of a bubble economy. Similarly there has been focus on recent uncertainty in Indonesia, as the stability and human rights record of the Suharto regime has become an issue. in far-off places. A misunderstanding between brokers Cazenove and client Standard Chartered provides some insight into how the Far East's deteriorating economic position could come home to the City of London. Reports, subsequently cor-rected, that Cazenove was LAB

Whitbread tops off buying spree with Pizzaland deal that will net Guthrie team £15m



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owned restaurant group. Whithread is understood to have been in talks to buy Brightreasons for several weeks, with the Pizzaland chain also exploring another attempt at a stock market flotation after its failure to do so two years

ago. Whitbread is thought to have outbid City Centre Restaurants, which owns the Deep Pan Pizze and Garfunkels chains. Mr Guthrie put together

the management team which bought most of the restaurant chain from Grand Metropolitan five years ago, with the help of venture capital from Morgan Grenfell and Mercury Asset Managment. But the planned Stock Ex-

change listing two years ago had to be abandoned, with investors then reluc-tant to value the company at £70 million.

Kalik Verper and Simon Beavls

committee.

N DRGENT investiga-

A tion into reports that the the Government is to privatise air traffic control

to pay for pre-election tax

cuts is to be carried out by the

It hopes to begin hearings

at the end of the month and

last inquiry into privatisation

Aviation Authority.

There has been specula-tion that Mr Guthrie, who is likely to earn around 25 million from an invest-



months. He is expected to leave the business once Whit-bread takes over. Now aged pany as a vehicle for fur-ther acquisitions. ture capital backers to go He is most famous for an 55, he has insisted recently

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Whitbread eateries ----

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"Full service" "Delivery units" "Express loosks"

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for a trade sale now. The accountants Deloitte & earlier management buy-out — paying Grand Metro-politan £95 million for the Mecca leisure business in leisure industry over

Cafe Rouge

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Marryna Amalfi

"Development concepts"

Maredo and Churtasco chains

loss last year, but figures for the period to the end of September suggest the com-pany has bounced back to profits of £4 million on turnover of £83 million. The Pizzaland chain, which GrandMet bought from United Biscuits, was acquired for an undisclosed sum in 1991, with Mr Guthrie subsequently bolting on the Bella Pasta and Pizza

Piazza outlets, bought from Rank Whitbread has pursued a rapid acquisition pro-gramme which has seen it expand into other corners of the leisure industry,

such as the takeover of the David Lloyds tennis and fit-ness clubs last year.

loan books of Standard Chartered and HSBC to political and economic conditions in the Far East. Both banks have henefited much from the ealthy growth of the East Asian economies. But both banks might have

These are not just problems

to adjust their provisions and future profits, should that explosive growth slow or be reversed.

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huge bids for other compa-nies and by awarding them-selves undeserved pay rises. If Mr Byatt's bite lives up to his bark, those directors will A new study by the Euro-pean Network on Debt & De-velopment on the exposure of soon have to start sweating for their money. However Mr Byatt's core reason for holding a new creditor countries found that around half the loans of UK price review halfway through banks to emerging markets economies — some \$20.6 billion — are in the Far East. the current price regime is somewhat curious. He said he felt that 10 years between (The group acknowledges that price reviews was too long. its data are incomplete because of commercial bank conview. His first price review came in 1994, in the middle of fidentiality.) Risk on this scale needs careful monitoring.

Budget bluster

the 10-year review period es-tablished by the Government at the time of privatisation in

Despite this, Mr Byatt With John Major's again opted for another 10-year review period. His deci-sion to intervene now smells V autocue safely packed away for another year, politi-cal pundits are lifting their than anything else.

MPs check 'rush' Hollick wins battle of Blenheim **Bonus-claimer** denies blame flight control sale Lord Hollick yesterday said there was huge synergy be-tion of the business services ween Blenheim and United's division by just under 10 per-climbed 21p to 495p. there was huge synergy be-tween Blenheim and United's

> ORD Hollick's United News & Media yesterday emerged triumphant in the long-running bidding war for the besieged Blenheim group by unleashing a g592.5 million takeover offer to become the world's biggest operator of trade and busithe maintenance of a two the irre strategy. At the heart were aviation safety and the pros-pect of two private companies controlling the needs of the ness exhibitions.

which was also being stalked by United News's main rivals, VNU and Reed-Elsevier. Vear.

ings, the acquisition will lift

centage points to 38 per cent, significantly more than the mean that Blenheim share-Cella Westen

unpaid £500,000 bonus, yester-day admitted she would not have expected the money if the £830 million in losses in-Lord Hollick added: "This merger creates a world leader in a fast-growing business-to-business sector. The fit becurred by the merchant bank tween Miller Freeman and had been unearthed before her pay deal had been agreed. Ms Walz, whom the Bank of

allegedly handed her a slip of paper promising a £500,000 profit-related bonus on top of

ARY WALZ, the for-mer Barings director who is claiming an her £91,000 salary. The bank is now owned by Dutch bank ING, against whom Ms Walz is claiming. Asked if she would have expected to receive the half-mil-lion pound bonus "had the Singapore situation been fully known," Ms Walz said: "I'd have felt there would be no bonus."

England report on the col-lapse criticised for failing to Under cross-examination by Nicholas Underhill, for ING Barings, she said there had been no formal notification monitor the activities of trader Nick Leeson, told the second day of an industrial retracting her bonus. In a contribunal hearing in Stratford, London, that she was not diversation with Mr Tuckey in early March she had reported rectly responsible for Mr Leehearing rumours that her boson, whose unlawful trading nus was not to be paid, to in Singapore broke the bank. Ms Walz, aged 36, faces a which he had said: "Well Mary, there may be some truth in that." She denied that Securities and Futures Aushe had accepted a "zero" bothority hearing which could ban her for three years from a nus at that meeting. post similar to her former ex-Ms Walz said bonuses total-

ling £2 million to £3 million each had been guaranteed to Details of the bank's losses emerged in February 1995, the some staff in the section of day after Andrew Tuckey, deputy chairman of Barings, Barings for which she worked. The hearing continues.

of the service, it received as produce around £600 million surances from ministers that for the Government. TOURIST RATES - BANK SELLS

the Transport Secretary, Sir George Young, and the Civil which is due to take over

Gwyneth Dunwoody, a Drayton, near Heathrow at Labour committee member, the end of next year — and a

said yesterday that after its planned centre near Glasgow.

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"a proper round of consulta-tion would be a pre-requisite to any such moves." She said the committee had "real concerns" relating to the maintenance of a two-cen-

The 300p-a-share cash bid ends months of speculation about the future of Blenheim Commons transport select armed forces. Ministers deny planning legislation to privatise the service, although this might has interrupted its inquiry not be required. At stake are into road maintenance to quiz the new control centre at

sert, armed insurgents.

Miller Freeman division, which publishes trade maga-zines and runs large trade erhibitions. He promised the merger would enhance United's earnings in the first full year. The deal, which is the first

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big acquisition since the merger of Lord Hollick's MAI with United News earlier this year, will create an exhibition group with a turnover of more than £500 million a

Based on last year's earn-

week came into the running as it snapped up a 15 per cent stake in the bid target. Its

Supress stable of national newspapers. The deal represents a blow for Reed-Elsevier, which had to very service of the state of the state of the state state of the state of the state of the state of the state keep the interim dividend of 3.675p. It values Blenheim convertible preference shares been attempting to strike a merger deal with Blenheim. Dutch publisher VNU last merger creates

promise to sell its stake helped United yesterday to se-good. The combination will

cure victory by clinching well over 50 per cent of the shares. The deal won the backing of growth."

RTZ keeps in good odour by footing bill to save the desert tortoise

Listed as a threatened species under the United States Endangered Species Act, it is costing RTZ more der. ian King in Los Angeles THE mining giant RTZ has As a result, the British than \$1 million. overcome nearly every obcombine now finds itself Not that RTZ is implistacle during its decades of exploring and mining. Fro-zen wastes, scorched de-numbers in California's the proprietor of a 2,400acre tortoise reservation.

But now the group has a mysterious fla-like illness run into some serious trou-ble: the desert tortoise. RTZ happens to be the tor- find ways of reintroducing prove to be limitless.

Mined areas are being returned to their original be alone; the supply of "en-

But RTZ should beware; hard by its borax mine is the Edwards air-force base, featured in numerous UFO ecutive position.

tales. The tortoises may not

12 FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

Co-operative Bank managing director Terry Thomas challenges rivals to promise that they will not finance the manufacture of land-mines



Terry Thomes: I hope all the banks will put commercial rivalry to one side to ensure the elimination of land-mines'

Lenders make a killing

Richard Norton-Taylor

HE extant to which high street banks have financed arms sales to repressive regimes with the active support of the Govern-

arms exporting company. Midland confirmed in 1994 ment is highlighted in a that it "assisted in the finance report published today by the World Development Moveof Hawks to Indonesia". It has repeatedly explained ment, a leading Third World that it provides financial support for the export of 'selected defence equipment'

pressure group. Citing Midland, Lloyds, National Westminster and Barclays, its says banks ad-mitted their willingness to fund arms deals in the new open market for weapons after the end of the cold war. An exception is the Co-oper

ative Bank, which today is cleared by the Advertising Standards Authority after a complaint by Midland. The Co-op used a picture of a landmine to make the point that it "did not, and will not, finance

tee Department increased the share of credits — a cover and a subsidy for bank loans the sale of arms to Iraq. Iran | from 6.5 per cent in 1981 to an

An evil trade that specialist unit, the Defence Equipment Finance Depart-ment, and its clients have included Plessey, GEC, Astra Holdings and International Military Services, a former Ministry of Defence-owned banks can stop

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people every year. But why should banks anti-personnel landadopt this stance? Accord-ing to the Red Cross, landmines. This is a horrific statistic, especially for a mines have killed more banker who knows that the evil trade in these weapons could be stopped if banks refused all lines of finance. people worldwide than nuclear weapons or poison gas. But because the civil-The link between certain ian victims injured by landmines live in Third World villages there is little pubbanks and arms companies exporting weapons such as lic awareness in Britain of land-mines is one of the their horrific impact. An estimated 2 million to most under-exposed aspects of the arms trade. It is easy for financial Institutions to hide behind neutral lend-3 million anti-personnel

land-mines were laid in 1994. In the same period only 100,000 mines were cleared at a cost of £40 miling decisions when in fact their decisions are measured out in lives. lion. Yet it is now largely Earlier this year Lord Justice Scott attempted to accented in military circles

nance or facilitate the man ufacture, production, stockpiling and trade in anti-personnel land-minee, parts and technology. To achieve these goals, banks can assist by financial policing through control of letters of credit and moni-toring of offshore and overtoring of offshore and over-seas branches, and affili-Tony May

ates or parent companie This is why I am writing to every British bank asking them to put commercial rivalry to one side and sign our declaration on anti-personnel land-mines. We have had support from MPs and charities and we hope all banks and companies involved in the manufacture of land-mines will sign.

and everything else in draw-Together we can end this ing viewers to pay television. He repeated earlier foredespicable trade which has left a legacy of 110 million casts of a "very good year" from his UK newspapers active mines in 64 countries, with another 110 which would, along with his million stockpiled waiting US Fox TV operation, drive to be laid. profits forward by a fifth over

Bank

The Guardian Wednesday October 16 1996

Water companies' price prospects doubly dammed

ATER companie suffered a double blow yesterday with news that industry regulator Ofwat wants to put an end to ever-increas ing bills and that the Government may extend its powers. A leaked Department of the Environment report on water esources said the Government was considering requests by Ofwat and the Environment Agency for "refinements or extension" of

heir powers. The Government. which ants the water companies and their customers to use water more efficiently, is to publish a consultation paper about the regulators at a later

Separately, Ian Byatt, the director-general of Ofwat, said he planned to re-examine the industry's price controls in 1999, five years before he

Mr Byatt said yesterday that customers had seen prices rising for too long and t was time they should bene fit from cost-cutting.

He said: "The increased ef-ficiency reported by the companies is a good indication that incentive regulation is working. The companies are sing their resources more ef

UPERT Murdoch said yesterday that he planned to use sport as

"a battering ram" to draw a wider market for News Cor-

poration's global pay-televi-

At the annual general meet

ing in Adelaide, he said sport

"absolutely overpowers" film

fectively. Costs have fallen as | North West Water have changed radically after ac quiring electricity companies a result. These savings will be passed on to customers at the

He added that the 1995 and 1996 droughts showed companies needed to give more attention to leakage control and maintaining a balance be-An Ofwat spokeswoman

said the review would also help Mr Byatt's campaign to discourage water company takeovers, by making the util-ities less attractive to potential bidders. Northumbrian Water and

Southern Water have already been taken over by larger groups from outside the industry, while Welsh Water and



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Mr Byatt, who is keen to counter Labour allegations that the regulatory system is

not working, announced a 10year price regime for the in-dustry in 1994. 'On average this would have held annual price rises at no more than 1 per cent above inflation

In recent months Mr Byatt's counterparts in the gas and electricity industries have sought to bolster their credentials with a potential Labour government by taking a tough stance in favour of consumers.

City analysts said that no one in the water industry expected the current price regime to run its full 10 years. But Mr Byatt's announce ment of a new review after five years had come about six months earlier than expected. Kevin Lapwood, water and lyst at Merrill Lynch, said the relationship between Mr Byatt and Labour had not been particularly friendly and the regulator was making the point that the regulatory system was working well. Labour environment spokesman Frank Dobson said the companies were 'rolling in money' and, oper-

ating under a very easy regime, had given the cus omer a bad deal.

Murdoch sees sport as the key to pay-TV gains News Corp, is booming and i "I am happy to report that will change within the next 12 last year's extreme shortages

nonths to digital broadcasting from analogue. This will allow it to increase the number of its channels from 38 to more than 150, all with greater quality and definition. He said the new service

would be capable of home banking and other interactive services — the first system in the world to do so. The move to digital would have some costs associated with it, but would take the satellite operator to new heights and much greater penetration and ac-

ceptance by the public. Referring to the newspaper division, Mr Murdoch said: nate hold-up" but said it "Advertising in the United

of newsprint, which were accompanied by extreme price increases, have receded, and prices of newsprint are easing. and that is showing on the bottom line."

The Sunday Times's circu lation was at an all time high despite very little promotion. The Sun tabloid was still selling more than 4 million copies a day, while the News of the World was selling 4.5-5 million copies a week. He said the legal battle oval

rights to stage the company's

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or any other oppressive average of 30 per cent in the first half of the 1990s. regime

The advertisement, placed in the national press following publication of the Scott report into the arms-to-Iraq scandal earlier this year. did not name Midland. But it was the only bank specifically mentioned in the Scott inquiry.

Despite aggressive marketing and flerce competition, the arms trade is shielded by commercial and military se-

crecy. However, evidence ob-tained by the WDM shows that Midland helped to fi-nance the sale of Hawk jets to Indonesia in 1993. According to the WDM, the jets have been seen over East Timor, where a third of the popula-tion has been killed since the Indonesian invasion in 1975. In the 1990e Midland est un

In the 1960s, Midland set up | sales.

Peugeot's new

'baby' to be

born at Ryton

The banks say they only flnance arms exports approved and licensed by the Government. In turn, the Government says that "regional stability and human rights are both given high priority" when issuing export licences. The WDM says these guidelines have not prevented banks flnancing the export of arms to Iraq, Nigeria, Indonesia and Turkey.

for which the Government

has issued an export licence. During the 1990s, Britain has been the world's fourth-

largest seller of arms, with ex-

ports averaging £1.8 billion a

year, according to the MoD.

About 80 per cent of the arms sales are to Third World

The Export Credit Guaran-

countries.

It points to a recent survey by Mintel, the market research organisation, which found that 16 per cent of pri-vate investors would avoid institutions with unethical arms policies. It wants banks, the Government and the European Union to adopt stricter controls on arms

unravel the intricacies of the arms-to-lrag scandal. His report noted weilfounded suspicions that at least one arms company ---which banked with a high street bank — had exported arms to Iran and Iraq through another country. It is important that banks learn the lessons of Scott. I am convinced that in future

process outside the UN and has challenged the world to all financial institutions will be called upon to jus-tify their investment polisign a ban treaty in Ottawa in December 1997, to be implemented by 2000. cies on ethical as well as fi-Some countries still benancial grounds.

News in brief

lieve the problem can be solved by ensuring all new I believe that British banks can show moral lead-ership. I hope that on the land-mines self-destruct after a defined period, despite evidence that the failsingle issue of anti-personnel land-mines all the banks ure rate in these mines will put their commercial could be 10 per cent.

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The United Nations is

working towards a world-wide ban on all anti-person-

nel mines but the political process is painstakingly slow. Canada has recently launched an innovative

ern warfare.

rivalry to one side in order to ensure the elimination of these devices, which con-they would never again fi-

Inchcape sells Bain

INCHCAPE is selling Bain Hogg Group, its insurance broker unit, to Aon, one of the world's largest insurance brokers, for

Hogg for £160m

Terry Thomas is managing the current year. director of the Co-operative

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that the PSA group has taken the decision in principle to make a second car, umost certainly the 206 RENCH car company alongside the 306 model.

Peugeot is to invest hundreds of millions of pounds in making a second car, a new "baby" 206, at its Ryton plant near Coventry.

Chris Barrie

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The investment, due to be announced formally in the new year, will secure the factory's future and its 2,600 jobs. Hundreds more

tomponent suppliers. The plans emerged on the opening day of the motor show in Birmingham, where Vauxhall confirmed where Vauxhall confirmed that it would spend £300 million modernising its Ellesmere Port plant in Cheshire, as reported in yesterday's Guardian.

Vauxhall executives indi-cated that the investment, sactioned by parent com-pany General Motors, boded well for its chances of securing further funds to make a second car at Ellesmere

Port's sister plant at Luton. The Vauxball investment was swiftly welcomed by industry minister Greg Knight as confirmation

£160 million cash, allowing the company to focus on its interna tional distribution business. The sale to Chicago-based Aon would result in a £195 million exceptional pre-tax loss, Inchape said. Previously, the company said it would spin off the unit by the year-end rather than sell it to another company. Inchcape said that would have required a £13 million cash injection. "Having

Engineers from Ryton are in France finalising plans for production facilities. New assembly equipment and paint shop facilities have been installed.

The Ryton factory has al-ways been one of the most vulnerable in the PSA group because of its low output of 90,000 cars a year. Pengeot used to em-

tion that the plant was to close. One executive said yesterday: "This invest-ment should remove the threat to Ryton." The need for productivity

improvements and hefty in-vestment in automation means that no new jobs are likely. But suppliers to Ry-ton will be invited to tender for business on the 206, with the potential of win-ning orders for the two other factories on the continent likely to make the car. Richard Parham, Peu-

industry minister Greg Knight as confirmation that Britain was "the cen-tre for investment in the car industry". Peugeot executives were tight lipped about the Ry-ton plans, but it emerged Richard Parham, Peu-geot's managing director, said productivity had risen by 60 per cent at the plant in five years. This year the factory would make about 90,000 cars and production was rising strongly.

secured a price significantly above the value we expect the market to place on the company if demerged, I am convinced that today's disposal to Aon represents the best value for our shareholders," chairman Colin Marshall said. — *Bloomberg* Gehe draws in horns STUTTGART based Gebe, one of two suitors for Lloyds Chemists

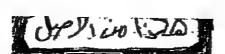
yesterday continued its withdrawal from plarmaceutical manu-facturing with the sale of two more businesses. Its Azupharma business is going to Switzerland's Sandoz group for £265 million, while GNR-pharma in Paris is being sold to BASF of Germany for an undisclosed sum. Gebe estimates the withdrawal from phar-maceuticals manufacturing will raise £760 million. Gebe's bid for Lloyds Chemists, along with a rival offer from Unichem, is currently on hold awaiting a ruling from the Trade and Industry Secretary, Ian Lang. --- Mork Milner

Seddon Atkinson revs up

An upturn in the British commercial vehicles industry was signalled yesterday as Seddon Atkinson, the Oliham, Lancashire truck makers, replaced short-time working with overtime. Fifty new jobs will be created in November when the company's 248 current workers will end a three-day week imposed in July. — Martyn Halsall

Tied pubs escape

BRITAIN'S tied pubs will continue to be exempted from Euro-pean Union competition rules under a decision expected soon from the European Commission. In coming weeks, the commis-sion will extend by up to two years a rule that allows the beer and oil industries to maintain exclusive distribution systems. EU sources said. This so-called block exemption is due to expire at the end of next year, and the commission was to decide next year on whether it should be renewed. — Julie Wolf in Brussels



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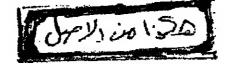
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Simon Montague on board Nuclear **Electric sends his** second BT Global Challenge report

T WAS just after midday when the destruction began, with a soft "pop" from the head of the sail. Without drama, the tear in the thin green cloth spread horizontally, then acceler-ated rapidly down each side of the spinnaker. Released from the tapes that form the edges, the centre of our giant sail fluttered gently down towards the water. The effect is best described as like peeling back the lid of a sardine can.

Cries of horror from the cockpit brought those of us at the lunch table racing on deck at a speed that would do credit to the fire brigade. Ducking our way to the bow, we scrabbled to gather the billowing material be-

fore the yacht's forward momentum could take it under the keel, where damage that was already con-siderable could have become irreparable. Twenty minutes later Nu-clear Electric was under

full power again, new spin-naker hoisted, remnants of the old one stretched out along the companionway below. No one spoke and a mood of despondency settled on the crew. It seemed so unfair. We

no means be the last in the



Chart topper . . . Simon Montagne keeps an eye on the weather as he delivers a report on Nuclear Electric's radio

knots of wind, with no sudden accidental shock-load to blame, is a bitter blow.

complete, working round

wait for a professional job | far as this leg is concerned. when we reach Rio, but that | "It's an educated guess that it'll work," says Tudor. The theory is that a lowmeans husbanding our three remaining spinnakers pressure system over Africa will provide better for the next 2,000 miles. At the moment we hold a mid-table position in the 14-strong BT Global Chai-lenge fleet. Hoping that for-tune will reward the bold, following winds for us than those further west. We hope to gain considerable advantage, but there is the risk we have steered away from most of our rivals, keeping that our own sails will be left flapping uselessly while close to Africa. It is a strategy which will soon be tested in the dolthe others slip through.

Perhaps we have arrived in the doldruns already. As I write it is 2am and "A" watch, to which I belong, has just been relieved of its most frustrating duty since

stopped in two weeks," says Mark Johnstone, who has been fighting to maintain concentration at the

slaps lazily while our light-weight spinnaker ripples and shimmles as it tries to fill, then collapses again. The Atlantic slops lazily and Nuclear Electric wal-lows int encode to a stinking hot, lows int encode to a stinking hot, By day it is stinking hot, too. Only the flying fish find energy, flitting across the surface, their colours sugcoloured moths dodge about beneath the deck light, a cu-rious sight hundreds of gesting some kind of miniature winged mackerel. We are a happy ship, but with slow speeds, tropical miles out to sea. We are racweather and growing pres-sure to catch the leaders as ing at under three knots. "It's the first time we've

we near Rio, frustrations may well develop and ten-sions emerge. We must be on guard; this great race is

Racing **Eddery puts** in a good word for Canon Can

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camp remain confident. "I've

Coral after it was revealed he

will be ridden by Frankie Dettori

There will be no Ce-

sarewitch ride for Jason

Weaver. He misses the entire Newmarket meeting after los-

ing his appeal against his lat-est riding ban at a hearing of

the Jockey Club disciplinary committee yesterday.

have a suspended sentence ac-tivated under the Jockey

Club's new disciplinary code.

ble riding on Shirley Sue at Pontefract, Weaver collected

Found guilty of irresponsi-

Weaver is the first jockey to

Ren Cox

been talking to Henry and he says he's very happy with the horse — I went to see him at the weekend and he looked in superb shape," added Gray. ANON CAN, one of two three-year-olds apparently "thrown in" at the weights for Saturday's Other well-backed Ce-sarewitch contenders yester-Tote Cesarewitch Handicap, received a vote of confidence from Pat Eddery yesterday even though the champion elect is unlikely to be in the day were Ivor's Flutter, into 10-1 from 14's with Coral, Ballynakelly, who was cut from 11-1 to 9-1 by Ladbrokes, and Harbour Island, who hard-ened to 16-1 (from 25-1) with saddle at Newmarket. Eddery was aboard Kris-

tal's Paradise when that horse was thumped by Canon Can at Pontefract last month, form which the handicapper was unable to take into account when framing the weights for the Newmarket marathon. If he had, Canon Can would be 14lb higher in the ratings. The Henry Cecil-trained

gelding is owned by Norwich-(Anglia) O A, whose manag-ing director Ron Gray dis-closed: "Pat badly wants to ride him, but he realises that with the weight as it is at present he can't do it." Canon Can is set to carry 7st 10lb and only in the un-likely event of several top weights dropping out would

a four-day suspension which activated the five days that had been deferred just seven weeks earlier. This brings his total sus-pensions to 42 days this year and Weaver has claimed he Eddery be able to take the ride. At present be is pen-cilled in for the lan Balding-trained Blaze Away. But Gray said: "If Pat only has been victimised, with the bans costing him around £15,000 in lost riding fees and

had to put up a few pounds overweight he would ride, but prize money. "I am disappointed not to as it stands we've provision-ally booked Jimmy Quinn." win, but I am not going to cry about it," he said. Asked if he Canon Can dominated the still believed he was being

early betting exchanges for the Cesarewitch and the sponvictimised, Weaver replied: "It probably feels like that be cause it has snowballed sors yesterday cut his price to 7-2 from 4-1. Hill's still offer 4's, but Canon Can is being strongly challenged for favouritism by Jiyush. Another to have shown his best form since the publica-tion of the weights, Jiyush will be running off a 15lb

through the season. But I live to fight another day." At Haydock today, Champion Hurdle hope Dato Star (5.00) can open his account on the Flat. He may not be fully wound up, but with the Haydock turf riding more like higher mark after Saturday. jumping ground Dato Star

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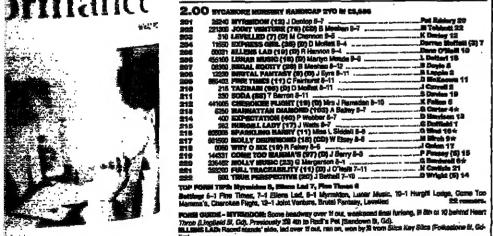
Our "race special" has been up most of the past 10 days and we speculate that its weak spot may have been the result of previous stresses, combined with

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14 SPORTS NEWS

United hope to be third time luckier

David Lacey in Istanbul on high hopes of avoiding more Turkish trouble

ATE autumn in the Champions League, it seems, is almost bound to find Manchester United awaiting events by the Bosphorus. Tonight's game against Fen-erbahce is their third successive visit to Turkey as Eng-land's representatives in this tournament, and if they are to make better progress this time they cannot afford to

So far United have suffered nothing but dirty work at the crossroads linking Europe with Asia. Recent visits to Istanbul have found them fac-ing a Turkish dilemma. Delight has been in short

supply. Three years ago here they went out of the European Cup in the second round to Galatasaray, who were content to share a scoreless draw on their own ground after holding United to 3-3 at Old Trafford and went through on away goals. Eric Cantona was shown the red card at the final whistle for abusing the Swiss referee, and two United players were assaulted by rlot

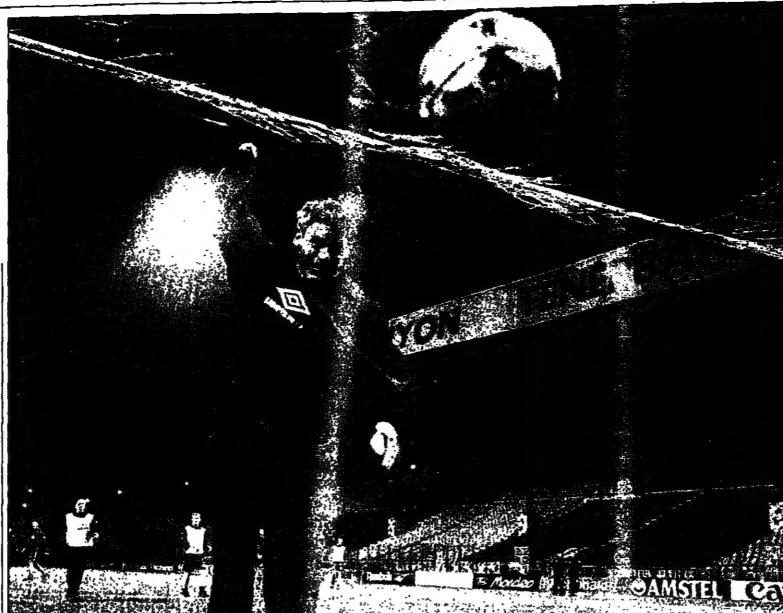
police The following season United were back by the Golden Horn, again facing Ga-United latasaray and again drawing 0-0, a result which did precious little to offset their humiliating defeats in Barce-lona and Gothenburg. Now they are facing Fenerbahce and, though a third barren stalemate would not have the depressing consequences of its predecessors, a grisly piece of Turkey would still be stuck in United's craw. hope of denying their Italian

At least the prospects of United achieving something better are quite promising. Fenerbahce, coached by Se-bastiao Lazaroni, who was in charge of Brazil for the 1990 World Cup, are not shaping up as well as Galatasaray. In the preliminary round they struggled to beat Maccabi Tel Aviv, who forced a 1-1 draw here after losing I-0 in Israel. Fenerbahce's principal for eign influence is Emil Kosta-dinov, the Bulgarian striker

previously with Bayern Mu-nich, who has just completed a three-match European ban after being sent off against Maccabi.

Kostadinov, scorer of the late Bulgarian goal that de-nied France, and Cantona, a place in the 1994 World Cup eads the attack alongside the Bosnian Elvir Bolic. Jay Jay Okocha, a Nigerlan mid-fielder with a penchant for dribbling, was signed from Eintracht Frankfurt during the summe

Fenerbahce's reported weakness on the flanks indicates that they have nobody to plague United the way Ku-bilay Turkylimaz did for Galatasaray. Yet the presence of Benhur Babaoglu in Lazar onl's squad suggests they are not entirely bereft of the means to drive a charlot or two through United's defence. Much is going to depend on the way Alex Farguson ap-proaches tonight's game. A month ago he played two wide men. Cruyff and Poborsky. against Juventus in Turin but attempted to narrow the team's movements in the



Peter Schmeichel turns over a shot in Manchester United training at the Fenerbah High and mighty

game against Liverpool. Keane. Ryan Giggs is the David May and Ronny John-other main doubt with an sen played well enough in ankle injury. opponents attacking space. The result was chaotic. Neither Cruyff nor Poborsky that match but Ferguson would be more comfortable if howed any inclination to track back, with the result that Juventus frequently

Pallister were around. He could play Pallister and Johnsen, as he did in Turin, or retain May and play John-sen in front of the back four. opened up United's defence and should have won by more than Alen Boksic's lone goal. Much depends on Gary Pal-lister shaking off the recur-Either way Nicky Butt looks ring back problem which like filling an important role as deputy for the injured Roy forced him to miss Saturday's

Ferguson is convinced that 10, possibly nine, points will be enough to take United to Juventus, who won 1-0 in the Fenerbahce Stadium while United were beating Rapid Vienna 2-0, lead Group C of the Champions League with six points from two games. United have three, and Fenerbahce and Rapid one apiece from their 1-1 draw in Vienna.

the quarter-finals. Clearly they need a minimum of four from their two encounters with Fenerbahce, and a point tonight, as the manager con-ceded, will be satisfactory. So long as United do not go looking for a draw. In fact a victory should be within the grasp of Fergu-select company.

hardly out of their apprenticeships". Smith took mild excephas virtually no chance, so Rangers will have to rely tion to Van Gaal's comon Brian Laudrup launch-ing solo raids up front. The ments after watching Rangers lose 2-1 to Hibs last Saturday, but more out Dane can be formidable but of tedium than acrimony. "It seems that every not without the ball, and gaining possession and sup-plying him is likely to be coach we meet this season

has a comment to make Rangers may have to about Rangers, but it's not

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Cricket Women given the vote again by MCC

David Hopp

Marine another will be given another oppos-tunity next year to abandon centuries of section. by admitting women into the game's most august club. Colin Ingleby-Mackenzie has launched his MCC presi-dency by indicating that an-other vote is overdue and that he will support the abandya-ment of an antiquated men-only policy. His earliest official opportunity to press his views comes today when he chairs his first full MCC com mittee meeting at Lord's. Ingleby-Mackenzie, who links with Lord's began as a 16-year-old playing for Eton against Harrow in 1949, has an opportunity almost half a century later to oppose a pol icy of prejudice. He has begun by urging MCC's traditional sts to ahandon their "fear" of

the opposite sex. "Much publicity has been given to the introduction of lady members," he writes in the MCC's autumn newslet ter. It is five years since this delicate question has been placed before the membership. It is time that this matter was reintroduced, and we must not be frightened by the opposite sex who are keen cricketers and lovers of the game. It may be that a mod ern approach is in the best in terests of the club."

ever going to regain its for-mer eminence then matches Ingleby-Mackenzie's him that women members may serve the MCC's best interests True, Fenerbahce did once may be regarded as a subtle allusion to the club's failure three months ago to win National Lottery support for a E10 million redevelopment

> The scheme foundered for three reasons: it was not regarded as offering value for money, it required funding for spectator seating, which is against Lottery policy, and there was the failure to offer equal opportunities to women. The first two reservations might have been over-

turned in time if it were not for the third, which was

The proposal that the MCC

change its rules to admit

women members was consid-

ered by the annual meeting in

May 1991 but was defeated by

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ognised striker. McCoist. be playing with boys "Paul is an individualist. Durie and Andersen are al-hardly out of their like myself." he said, "and sometimes people will say sometimes people will say we're only playing for ourselves. But you have to do what you're best at. Paul is good at creating opportuni-

son's team. "We will prove we have not got this far by chance," said Lazaroni defi-

antly, but if the English pres-

ence in the most prestigious

European club competition is

like this need to be won.

ties by taking on oppo-nents, so you should leave him the way he is." Neither Gascoigne nor Laudrup has been notice-ably successful with

avoid falling into its manager's problems make many canals after dark, those of his rival look Rangers are expected to ex-perience great difficulty in keeping their Champions League heads above water

tonight. Walter Smith's squad arrived in this Dutch city yes-terday to meet a supposedly but Smith said that he Andy Goram were unable diminished Ajax side at the could not even form a game to go through a rigorous

ing cut.

First Division: Reading 2, Manchester City 0

NA city whose pedestri- | futuristic Amsterdam | plan, except for some provi- | work-out and Smith will be must take care to Arena, but the Rangers sional sketching, until he had some idea of the personnel at his disposal. The picture would not beabout as serious as a shavcome clear until today,

Patrick Glenn in Amsterdam finds Glaswegian problems in attack against Ajax tonight

Luckless Laudrup saddled as the

lone Ranger in the danger zone

Louis Van Gaal is likely to be without the strikers Patrick Kluivert and Jari check on possible reactions to last night's training ses-Litmanen as well as the vetsion. The midfielder Stuart McCall and goalkeeper Andy Goram were unable

"They are a little further forward than they were yesterday, but not much." he said. "Their chances when he had the chance to may have improved slightly but Fve told them I won't

risk damaging them for the future for the sake of this one game.

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very difficult.

ers registered with Uefa in advance of the Champions Leagne ties. These young-sters include Greg Shields, Brian McGinty, Steven Boyack and Paul McKnight. But as Smith pointed out, But as Smith pointed out,

to talk of others ers in Europe, pu Smith is placing some reliand what they may or not ance on them tonight. be. I'll leave that to those

who feel the need for it." "Of course you can't suc-Van Gaal had commented ceed without a team struc-ture," he said, "but within

4,727 votes to 2,371. A further proposal that women should be eligible to become honorary life mem-bers was narrowly approved, by 3,684 to 3,365, but it failed to gain the necessary two-thirds majority. Rachael Heyhoe-Flint, the former England

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S LEAGUE (Ka women's captain, responded: Construction of Construct S. C.A.C. (19) Source Divisions: Managary 4, Singland 1 (Hun Brit), C. Besserill brit, N. Levers 21-13, 21-13; V. Fick Sot 10; Levers 11-5, 21-13; Microft brit, Levers 21-16, 21-17; Betterführt brit, Deston 21-16, 21-17; Betterführt brit, Statemen 20-16-21, 21-7; Betterführt brit, Lomas/Des-ton 10-21, 21-7; 21-13; Betterführt brit, Lomas/Des-det and 21-21, 21-7; 'As one door closes, another one slams in your face." Last summer the MCC

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"Assessors are often people with no experience of referee-ing at the highest level," he said. "I refereed Chelsea and Tottenham in the 1993-94 season and was assessed by a 76-year-old who had been a lines-

Fulham after supporters, at a meeting in July, mentioned five London clubs as an alternative to Fratton Park. But Fulham's chairman Jimmy Hill confirmed he had turned the approach down because an agreement with the local council prevented it. He said: We are sympathetic but there's no question of anyone else but Fulham playing at

cord signing, Darren Caskey, was absent because of a death TEVE COPPELL does in the family.

Nogan double nails City

not do things by half: he does them by quarters. The Manchester City manager has given himself four matches to assess his new players before deciding if changes are needed. And this, the second of those, showed why; after the impressive draw at QPR, a defeat at struggling Reading.

Martin Thorpe

Saturday's performance at Loftus Road had been impressive enough for Coppell to say: "Looking at the players, there is a lot that is right."

But perhaps City thought every team in blue-and-white hoops could be as easily dominated because there was an opening complacency about them for which they paid a high price when going behind

in the 36th minute. Perhaps they also underestimated Reading. There has been a lot wrong with the emerged with more vigour after the break and Dickov Royals. Six were missing in- | soon curled in a dangerous

jured last night and their re- | shot from the left edge of the area. Wright did well to push away at full stretch. But then the torpor

But the team's form gener-ally has left them struggling returned, along with the un-certainty at the back and hesitation up front. When Kinkladze was booked for a at the wrong end of the table, sparking growing unrest among the fans and threatenfoul in the 65th minute, it was ing the future of the joint managers, Mick Gooding and his first major contribution to the match. All Reading had to do to

Jimmy Quinn. But the first 45 minutes turned out to be more encourtake a grip on the game was break more sweat and when aging. Morley's turn and shot their second goal came in the had already forced Dibble into an instinctive parry. 64th minute it was no sur prise. Gilkes made a tantalis when in the 36th minute Dickov lost the ball in the centre circle. Lambert carried it forward in a dazzling run, ing run into the area and squared the ball to Nogan, who slotted home his second goal then slipped the ball into the left-hand side of the area, where Nogan shot precisely just inside the City goal-Citys' problems were com-

pounded seven minutes from time when Lomas was sent off for a two-footed challenge on Parkinson. keeper's far post. As expected of a side that had failed to produce a decent chance in the first half, City

Farkinson. Reading: Wright; Bernal. Hunter. McPherson. Hopkins. Bodin, Gooding. Gilkss, Lambert, Morley. Nogal. Manchaster Chyn Dibble; Summerbes, Wassall, McGoldrick, Symons, I Brighwell, Claugh, Kinkladze, Lomas, Roder Dickov. losier. Dic M Pleves (Portsmouth) 2,490 Strongbury (0) Currie 79 2,042

Bolton Wanderers 1, Tranmere Rovers 0

A pinch of promotion salt from Sellars

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Benough for the Premier-ship but they could also be too good for the First Division. Their last season at Burnden Park is turning into quite a treat They stand fire points treat. They stand five points clear at the top this morning after extending their most impressive opening run since 1934 at the expense of a side of similarly lofty ambition. Tranmere's traditional

over-elaboration was less evident than usual, yet in many respects they continue to be their own worst enemy. Although few teams outside

of the Premiership pass the hall better, few require as many passes to transform potential into threat, and therein lies the rub for a club grimly determined to succeed on its own terms. They hustle

up blind alleys with such the crossbar with a deflected drive. grace and style that it is easy You could not slide a cigato forgive them. retie paper between the two until the 50th minute when Bolton are more direct. It is a character trait which undermined their attempts to stay among the elite last sea-son, but which serves them

well enough at present. Chances were the gift of utility defenders rather than the creation of intelligent midfielders but, even so, the game held a fascination as it ebbed and flowed. Strangely, Bolton's greater share of the possession was of little benefit in a patchwork quilt of an first half and had Tranmere's urgency not evap-

orated on entering the pitch's final third, they would certainly have fared better. The match had sauntered to its 12th minute before either side came close to scoring, Tranmere's player-manager Aldridge striking the face of

Bolton's policy of drilling low crosses square at high speed was finally rewarded. Blake Cardiff (2) 2 Dale 3 While 41 was innany rewarded. mane managed to get in the path of McGinlay's bullet pass from the right, but only to nudge the ball into the path of Scott Colchester (0) Fry 81 Exoter (0) 2 Myors 79 Chamberlain 67 Sellars, who fired in smartly Pathane (3) 3 Conroy 4, 33 Blaite 44 (gen) from 12 yards. That goal seemed to con-vince Bolton that they were Hartlepoul (1) 1 Heliliday 29 perhaps affording Tranmere a mite too much respect, and they wisely withdrew any semblance of subtlety from Leyion Orien 3,115 **Hanafield (0) 0** 1.942 their football thereafter. Rochdale (2) 2 Whitehali 44 Painter 45

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 The terms formula 1 driver Deres.
 Warwick has formed a team to contest next year's Auto Trader RAC Touring Car Championship. He gartners for Harrison, tormer head of Williams-Result touring cars, in a three-year deal. Their team, Tri-ple Eight Race Engineering, will operate Vatchall's two factory-backed Vectrus Critten by the 1985 champion John Clefand and another driver yet to be amounced.

waived its rules by allowing women into the Long Room for a day for a women's international between England and New Zealand, and the cause was allowed a useful publicity coup in the process.

At next year's annual meet-ing in May, we will discover whether a permanent agree-ment is forthcoming.

Lloyd gives assessors a dismissal

OHN LLOYD, a Premier League referee and Fifa official before retiring at the end of last season, yesterday put the blame for poor refer-

eeing on assessors. Lloyd, of Wrexham, says the watching assessors in-hibit referees, who have given a rash of red and yellow cards in the Premiership this season and have sometimes

man for two seasons 30 years ago.

Fulham have turned down an approach from Brighton to ground-share at Craven Cottage next season. Brighton, who have no new

home to go to next May, still hope to share with their South Coast rivals Portsmouth But Portsmouth say they have not made a final decision, and no tion has been lodged with the Football League

Brighton's chief executive David Bellotti sounded out Craven Cottage."

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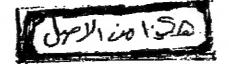
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The assiduous Burton is,

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It is surprising that the

WRU did not insist on pre-cisely the same contract for

Quinnell as that agreed with other members of the Wales

squad, including Swansea's Scott Gibbs, another high-pro-

signed and sealed.

Rugby Union Quinnell cashes in

Robert Armstrong

COTT QUINNELL has principality could put out arguably its strongest pack since agreed a contract to play for Wales that could earn him up to the Seventies. However, it remains to be However, it remains to be seen whether Quinnell's fi-nancial terms, which were ne-gotiated by his agent Mike Burton, will accelerate or de-lay an agreement between the Welsh Rugby Union and Web-ster and Young, and indeed other Diavers or the thresh c76,000 from his international return this season.

Adding in his Richmond earnings, which are worth about £130,000 subject to results, the 24-year-old former Wigan forward may become other players on the thresh old of the Wales squad. the first Wales rugby union international to top £200,000 a moreover, still seeking a perseason. manent-disability insurance policy, which requires big premiums from the WRU, on behalf of his client before

Quinnell, who won nine caps in 1993-94, will receive \$4,000 match fees plus enhanced win bonuses of up to £4,000 as well as his basic sal-ary of £20,000 a season. The deal, which makes the Wales No.8 available for a maximum of seven internationals this season, compares more than favourably with the standard contract given to members of the Wales squad,

which is worth £30,000 a year | file returnee. There may be little to choose by the end of the sea-son between Quinnell's Welsh earnings and his team-mates'; plus £2,000 match fees and 2,000 win bonuses. The former Llanelli player, who moved to rugby league two years ago, will be availthey can earn up to £70,000 if they play in all 10 internation-als. But a contentious preceable for the pre-Christmas in-ternationals in Cardiff against Australia on Decem-ber 1 and South Africa two open a can of worms in future weeks later, the visit of the negotiations.

United States on January 4 Still, Wales's recent international form, which has yielded one championship win in the past two years, and all four matches in the 1997 Five Nations Champion-ship. He may be rested for the US game, which is likely to be suggests they have some way used to try out less experi-enced players. Quinnell, whose younger brother Craig has also been capped by Wales, could form a formidable international back

to go before Quinnell can col-lect regular win bonuses. The changes in personnel the Wales coach Kevin Bowring will have to make to de velop a successful team will inevitably reduce the match fees of others. In the long row alongside Bath's Richard Webster, who has returned to union from Salford, and Steve term even Quinnell himsel Williams of Neath, who can may struggle to hold his play at flanker or No.8. If Wales place, should Wales chose to restore Car-mond fail to win prom diff's David Young to the front the end of this season. Wales place, should Richmond fail to win promotion at



Lewis too busy

ahead with the redesign," said

When push comes to shove . . . Great Britain's full-back Steve Prescott gives the brush-off to Shane Endacott, the fly-half son of the Kiwis' Test coach PHOTOGRAPH: VICTORIA MATTHERS

Tour match: New Zealand President's XIII 30, Great Britain XIII 22

Hammond a source of optimism for the humbled Lions

Andy Wilson In Wellington

F THEIR experience of 10 days in New Zealand has taught Great Britain's tourists anything, it is that rugby league here is considerably healthier on than off the field. Yesterday the rump of

Snooker

the party were beaten six tries to four by, predomi-nantly, the Auckland Wariors' second team; this following last Thursday's sloppy performance when the Test team were held 22-22 by a Lion Red Cup XIII comprising amateurs and part-timers.

Both matches, however, bave been watched by piti-fully small crowds, although Graham Carden, the code's driving force here since Super League arrived in the spring of 1995, still expects up to 20,000 for Friday night's Test in Auckland. Two

first-half performances which should have yielded substantial leads. They trailed 14-10 at half-time yesterday but should have been at least one score clear. Karle Hammond and

Barrie-Jon Mather, their down in communications most threatening attackers, engineered gilt-edged Tulsen Tollett. The British most threatening attackers, engineered gilt-edged chances for Chris Joynt and Steve Prescott but on each occasion the St Helens players were unable to hold on to the ball. Mather did create a try

Two outstanding matches, two disappointing results for the Lions: twice they have been punished for failing to capitalise on first-half performances which should have yielded a try for his consin Anthony early in the second half after a break-

half-backs redeemed them-Smith between the posts in the 49th minute, but the Ki-wis extended their lead with a penalty from the full-back David Murray and a try by the former Hull stand-off Shane Enda-

Along with the Wigan

and Jason Critchley, to move from loose forward to left-centre in the second as the Kiwi coach Endacott half. Eight minutes from time he drifted to the right to score a superb individual try which, with Prescott's

points. But Endacott's second try confirmed the ending of the Lions' unbeaten tour record. Great Britain's coach Phil Larder will not finalise his

Test team until after a train-ing session under floodlights at the Bricsson Stadium in Auckland today. "There is no doom and gloom," he said. "This defeat won't af-

put it: "I think the British Test team is sitting in Auckland."

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David Plummer

Wales

NGLAND will have i face Wales in Cardiff in this season's Five Nations Championship. The

cott, the son of New Zea-land's Test coach Frank.

conversion, brought the tourists' back to within two

Cue a bitter power struggle

Clive Everton on the eve of the Grand Prix in Bournemouth finds increasing opposition to the sport's rulers and structure in the run-up to a potentially stormy WPBSA election in December

S FOR the Conserva-tive Party Conference last week, so for the Snooker Grand Prix which is in excellent shape." "I'm appalled at the lack of sponsorship and I believe a

lot of money is being wasted, says Williams. "The whole operation looks a bit of a shambles

gregate to applaud the favour-ites, but backstage there is discord, dissent and dishar-Peter Dyke, who coordinates ties, birt backstage mere is ponsorship on behalf of Em-mony under the shadow of an impending election. The World Professional and Welsh Open), says: "There Billiards and Snooker Associ-ation's election is on Decemare sponsors out there but they have not been made fully aware of the opportunities, (which) haven't been put to them in the right way. The ber 19. Its chairman of five years, John Spencer, and another long-serving board member, Bill Oliver, stand on their record. But Rex Wilarrow [of responsibility] comes closer to being pointed at the

liams, chairman for 13 out of 18 years up to 1987, has emerged as leader of the oppo-sition, insisting that the game is not only going to the dogs but in certain respects may already be there. The \$330,000 Grand Prix and next month's UK Champi-onship are the first two of the

which today follows it into the

Bournemouth International

Centre: the faithful will con-

four annual events that com-prise the association's new \$40 million contract with BBC 4 TV negotiated by its televi-sion agent, Mark McCormack's ubiquitous Trans World International. But neither event is sponsored. Nor are two of Sky's three ranking events, so the association Spencer ... under fire

Benson and Hedges origi-nated the Masters in 1975 and still promotes it at Wembley. When the company entrusted the draw of its Edinburgh satellite event to the association, it was bemused to learn that

the draw was distributed ini-tially with the wrong number man Open this December and we have ended up in the Britof byes. And when a Russian, Ashot Potikyan, flew in from Moscow for his match, he disish Army camp at Osnabrück. "Tournament dates are al-tered at short notice with no covered he was a day late; he had not received the revised regard to any other profes-sional engagements a player may have. It is just one nondraw. "The gaffes that have been spewing out of the WPBSA's tournament office are reach-

THE OWN-GOALS

• No sponsors found for Grand Prix starting today and | next month's UK Championship. • No backers found for two of Sky's three ranking

• WPBSA must fund £1.37 million prize-money from own

resources. Blunder over draw for B&H Edinburgh satellite event

with WPBSA issuing the wrong number of byes. • Last year's Grand Prix, scheduled for Bournemouth, had to be switched to Sunderland.

• Sponsors of last year's Regal Welsh Open not informed that BBC Wales was providing Welsh-language coverage only.

● Search to house German Open allegedly took in 67 venues, ending with British Army camp at Osnabrück. Williams ... 'shambles'

Prix was supposed to be in Bournemouth but someone at WPBSA forgot to book it and we ended up in Sunderland.

the like. What is required, however, is a love of snooker ... a willingness to work very The sponsors of the Regal Weish Open were not told by the WPBSA that BBC Wales hard for the game [and] to be a target of those who profess had decided not to transmit the event on their Englishto support snooker but in ac-tual fact are only concerned language service but only in Welsh. I'm told 67 venues were considered for the Ger-

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electorate of 49. The board consists of a maximum of seven. Players must be in a majority upon it. Player representation is

ing farcical proportions," says tions of the board, a letter in ning an industry in the "table" reduced to 42,000 intermediate will be reduced to 42,000 intermediate will be an association board mem-

perience, qualifications, pre-vious directorships of a plc or paid but for the past nine rather than the 32,000 originally feared. In truth the design has been forced upon the WRU by its failure to reach an agreement years they have received a notorious f1-a-mile travelling torious f1-a-mile travelling expense (up to 250 miles per journey) plus hotel, meal and phone expenses. Last year they proposed that they should be formally paid — at rates fixed by themselves with the Cardiff club who play next door, and the consequent survival of its north stand. The Arms Park is being redeveloped for the 1999 World

Doyle manages Stephen Hendry and 11 other leading players. This effectively gives him 12 votes in an association electorate of 49. Cup, and the original plan would have seen the north stand and the club's south stand separated. Cardiff would the association's Bristol HQ has had no chief executive. Other executives have have a new stand and compensation for reduced gates. But talks failed to produce a settlement and the WRU faced losing the Millennium Comanswered to the board on an unworkable day-to-day basis. In the game's backstage opinion polls Williams is well ahead but, as every politician knows, it is what happens on the day that counts.

Under its Byzantine rules, the association offers its elec-torate the chance to vote yes or no to each candidate for the board. Only if a candidate's yes votes exceed his no votes can he go into the final

count of yes votes. It is a system that offers maximum scope for negativ-ity. In theory the current seven candidates — the two incumbents plus Williams and four other challengers — could all fail to take the three places available. Perhaps it is just as well that Parliamen-tary elections are not conducted in this way.

game on March 15 was to the WRU's treasurer Glanmor have been moved to Wembley Griffiths. "It is not a question of anyone being to blame; we but the Welsh Rugby Union simply did not have the con-sent from Cardiff we needed and we had to ensure the work was completed on time."

The capacity of the stadium when the work is finished will now be 70,000, 5,000 less than the WRU intended, but its director of rugby Terry Cobner said he was overjoyed that Wales would be facing England in Cardiff after all. "The team and the manage-ment have fervently hoped for this news. There's nothing

like the passion and atmo-sphere of a Wales-England international in Cardiff." Wales's joy yesterday was shortlived, however, with Al-

lan Lewis resigning as assis-tant to the national coach

Kevin Bowring. Lewis, who worked with Bowring at A and Under-21 level before teaming up with him for the senior side, has mission's £46 million grant unless it could guarantee work would start immedi-ately after the international against Ireland in Cardiff on stepped down from his part-time post because of the pres-February 1. So new plans

sure of work. Cobner said: "He found it impossible to reconcile his were hastily drawn up and the shell of the north stand will remain in place. "It was in the interests of duties as assistant national coach with those of his full-

both parties that we went | time job as a schoolmaster."

Carling stays at No. 10 in Ulster

WILL CARLING resumes | Leicester at Lansdowne of fly-half as Harlequins | fly-half as Harlequins | of Irish talent. The centre is Road, has joined the exodus of Irish talent. The centre is to leave Dublin's Old Belveopen their Heineken European Cup season against Ul-ster in Belfast tonight. Martin Ridge, who is in the Leinster team against

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Frights for first strings

ian McKenzle in Kuala Lumpur

HERE were predictable 3-0 pool-match victories for Australia and England in the women's world team championship, but only after Australia's Michelle Marboth the expected finalists had seen their first strings last week, found even deeper had seen their first strings last week, found even deeper seriously embarrassed by trouble. Having conceded lower-ranked opponents. Norfolk's World Open final-ist Cassie Jackman lost the thread after taking the first two games off her Yorkshire African's deceptive topspin born Dutch opponent Vanessa strokes to trail 5-0 in the fifth Atkinson, who stepped up a gear to take the next 10-8. Jackman struggled her way sure and, slamming away to match-ball in the seesar with her drives, came fourth after 15 hands bur At through 9-0, 9-4, 4-9, 2-9, 9-6. and, s with her à sour At | through 9-0, 9-4

-----Motor Racing Damon Hill was mobbed by National League play-offs return to Atlanta today with St Louis's lead cut to 3-2. 300 cheering supporters wav-ing union flags and autograph kinson refused to buckle and, on her fourth game ball, lev-elled with a second 10-8 win. books when he returned to Britain from Japan last night. The newly crowned Formula Jackman rediscovered her One world champion and his

wife Georgie needed a police escort of six officers before they could make their way through the Terminal Four concourse at Heathrow. Baseball only four points in the first

Sport in brief

Comeuppance awaited the St Louis Cardinals yesterday. Leading the Atlanta Braves 3-1 and needing only one more win to join the New York Vachage in the World York Yankees in the World Like Jackman, she took a Series, they were routed 14-0 at home by the defending champions, the worst play-off defeat by anyone anywhere. I los Sainz is about to displace mistake". grip under maximum pres-

"They just kicked our butts," said the Cardinals' third base-man Gary Gaetti. And so the

Golf

Robert Allenby will play just one shot in a tournament next week to protect his third place on the European Tour money list and its £73,000 bonus. The Australian cracked his breastbone in a car crash and cannot swing a club properly, but he must compete in the Volvo Masters at Valderrama this month to retain his place and a possible invita-

tion to next year's US Mas-ters. "He feels embarrassed about doing it." said his coach Stave Bann. "We don't want to make it a circus act."

him as world champion but | Rugby League the Scot is within sight of beating his Spanish rival and winning the San Remo Rally. McRae missed a rainstorm that left many of his rivals in Sector word who Subara New Zealand officials admitthe rally ends in San Remo.

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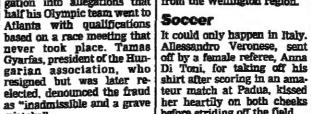
The secretary-general of Hungary's national association. Joszef Rosa, has been banned for two years after an investi-gation into allegations that half his Olympic team went to

based on a race meeting that never took place. Tamas Gyarfas, president of the Hungarian association, who resigned but was later reelected, denounced the fraud as "inadmissible and a grave before striding off the field.

ted that the Central District Colts side that beat the British Academy Under-19 team flooded roads and his Subaru finished the day 32 seconds of Sainz's Ford. Drivers face an-other 81 miles of flat-out driv-ing on asphalt today before don't mind losing but it has got to be a level playing field." Kear rested most of the players who had beaten Auckland Under-19 48-16 last Thursday and the second

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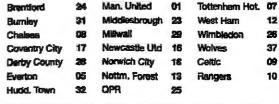
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before the interval Newcastle all too predictably, managed to give away another goal. The Geordies do at least have the comfort of knowing that when Ferencyaros arrive at St James' Park in a fortnight Europe's best defenders will

with six Premiership wins in a row under their belt. That top place in the league but sandwiched in the midst of

worse for Newcastle before it



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